IMF Won't Ease Up

On Terms for Russia

Head of Agency Rejects Criticism

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches WASHINGTON -The bead of the Interna-

nonal Monetary Fund rejected criticism Tuesday that the lending agency's harsh terms con-tributed to the rise of ultranationalists in Russia and said the IMF would not relax its

conditions for releasing more assistance to the former Soviet republic.

IMF requirements to control inflation and

restrain the budget deficit are occessary first steps to put Russia on a path toward rising living standards, said Micbel Camdessus, the

IMF managing director.

We consider it vital to speed up the stabili-

zation and reform process to create the oeces-

sary preconditions for sustained growth and improved living standards," be said. "We all

The IMF is being made a "scapegoat," its managing director asserts. Page 9.

know that without adequately strong monetary and budgetary policies, oo efforts in reduce inflation and stabilize the ruble will be success-

Mr. Camdessus' comments came as an IMF

team started discussions in Russia with President Boris N. Yelssin's oew economic team. He said those talks, aimed at unlocking \$1.5 billion in IMF funds, "may not be easy."

Mr. Camdessus said the IMF team was will-

ing to listen to any new suggestions the Russians might have to offer on how to accomplish

the goals of restraining the budget deficit and

But, he added, "in view of the magnitude of

the problems to be addressed and of the approach of the government in a number of areas, t may oot be easy for our mission and the

Russian negotiating team to reach agreement on a suitable program."

The IMF team's visit had been explicitly

requested by Mr. Yeltsin, who wants to stress

his intention of carrying on with economic reforms, despite a recasting of his economic

The government's new approach has brought violent criticism and fears of an inflationary

spiral or even byperinflation in Russia.

Last summer, the IMF approved an initial
\$1.5-billion assistance package from a new pro-

gram that allowed IMF support to flow with

fewer strings attached. But another \$1.5 billion

earmarked for Moscow by the end of the year was never released because Russia's economic reforms faltered.

The IMF had been pushing for cuts in the budget deficit and a tighter monetary policy in

order to get inflation down to 8 percent on an

annualized basis by the final quarter of the

Inflatioo was running at a 16-percent annual

rate during this period, however, and IMF officials said Tuesday they believed inflation

was even higher during the first part of January.

running at possibly an 18 percent annual rate.

Mr. Camdessus said the IMF would not

object if the United States and other individual

donor countries continued supplying bilateral

assistance to Russia, but to maintain its credi-

bility, the IMF had to insist on Russia meeting

That Tough Rules Aid Nationalists

Now Opening

Across Russia:

New Paradise

For Workers

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

MOSCOW - They leave their families

behind and live in cramped dorminnies for months on end. Attracted by a stable ecocomy and a valuable local currency,

they come in work, taking jobs the locals

These "guest workers" are not Russians traveling to Poland or Germany, but

Ukrainians and Belarussians coming to

Russia - bundreds of thousands of them in recent months. The economy that at-

tracts them is Russia's, and the currency they want is the much maligned ruble.

To Westerners used to thinking of the

Russian economy as chaos sliding toward catastrophe, the growing presence of for-eign workers at this nation's coal mines,

construction sites and hus depots may be

surprising. Even many Russians seem be-mused by the influx of so many of their Slavic neighbors.

On the most basic level, the phenome-

non shows clearly that no matter how had things are in Russia, they are much worse in many other parts of the former Soviet Union, The number of such workers is

growing so fast that President Boris N. Yeltsin issued a decree last month designed to prevent their exploitation.

But the phenomenon also illustrates the peculiar nature of Russian reform, now at

a critical juncture. The ruble is relatively

attractive because key reformist officials

- who left the government last week in

the face of reactionary opposition - man-

aged last year to keep inflation manage-

ability of jobs testifies to the reformers'

failure to bring fundamental change to

Russia's inellicieot economy. Prime Min-

ister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin and his re-

form-wary supporters -- oow in voques-

noned control of the government - have

managed to keep virtually every one of the

country's improfitable factories and farms

affoat with cheap credits, a practice critics

say blocks long-term investment in new

businesses and promotes byperinflation. "I wish that unemployment wasn't a

symbol of success," said Judith Shapiro,

an economist here who studies the job

market. "But without people losing jobs.

we know we haven't gotten very far," she

added, in dismantling the old Soviet-style

oo longer want.

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U.S. Finding On Rights in China Raises The Pressure

Beijing Falls 'Far Short' Of Norms, Study Says as Trade Status Is Weighed

By John M. Goshko

Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — China took some "positive steps" to curb repressive practices during 1993, but its overall record of respect for human rights "fell far short of internationally accepted norms," the State Department said Tuesday in its annual report on human rights around the world.

Of the reports on more than 150 countries that Congress requires the department to make each year, China has come in for special attention because President Bill Clinton must decide by June whether to recommend renewal of the

most-favored-nation status that gives Beijing low-tariff access to U.S. markets.

John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, noted that the reports were not linked to specific questions of trade and that it was up to the correlated to decide what meight to give to president to decide what weight to give to man-rights considerations

. But, he added, "the report shows that during 1993 China had a continued climate of repression, a pattern of abuse in its prisons, difficul-ties for dissenters and particular repression in Tibet," a neighboring state that was forcibly incorporated into China.

The report said that the Chinese government "continued to repress domestic critics and failed to control abuses by its own security forces." It added that despite the release of some political prisoners, "hundreds perhaps thousands" remain in prison or labor camps where they are denied legal safeguards and subject to torture and other abuses.

The State Department counselor, Timothy. Wirth, who joined Mr. Shattuck in making the

teports public, said he thought that the insprovements in China's record had come about in part because of U.S. prodding.

Mr. Shattuck said that during 1993 the finman-rights picture was brightened by dramatic first steps toward reconciliation of longstanding conflicts in Israeli-occupied territories, South Africa, Cambodia and Fl Sal.; vador, But, be said, "ethnic, recial and religious armed conflicts" caused widespread abuses in such places as Besnia Heart and Apparatus.

in addition to countries that have been cited for abuses repeatedly since the reports began in. 1977, the newest versions contained some stape at governments that had been treated relatively gently in the past because of their traditional ties of inendship with the United States.

Among them was Mexico, where Indians in the southeastern state of Chiapas staged an armed uprising on New Year's Day to protest governmental neglect and abuses. The report noted the Chiapas situation only briefly, since it occurred after the 1993 calendar year. But it said that in 1993 there continued to be widespread human rights abuses in Mexico, "including extrajudicial killings by the police, torture illegal arrests, glaring prison deficiencies and extensive illegal child labor."

The report on Saudi Arabia also had some tough things to say about America's principal ally in the Gulf. It said "human rights continned to be pervasively abused" through torture, incommunicado detentions, severe restrictions on freedom of speech, press, peaceful assembly and religion, as well as denial of political rights. Russia continued to improve its respect for

human rights, that country report said, but there were setbacks caused by the violent confliet in October between President Bonis N. Yeltsin's government and his opponents in parliament. Freedom of speech, assembly and reli-gion were generally respected, although in some. places observance of these rights was uneven.

By Fern Shen

ington Past Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland — It was a dismal

week, capping a dismal year at the U.S Naval

Academy. After a string of tragedies — the deaths of graduates in a marder-saicide and of

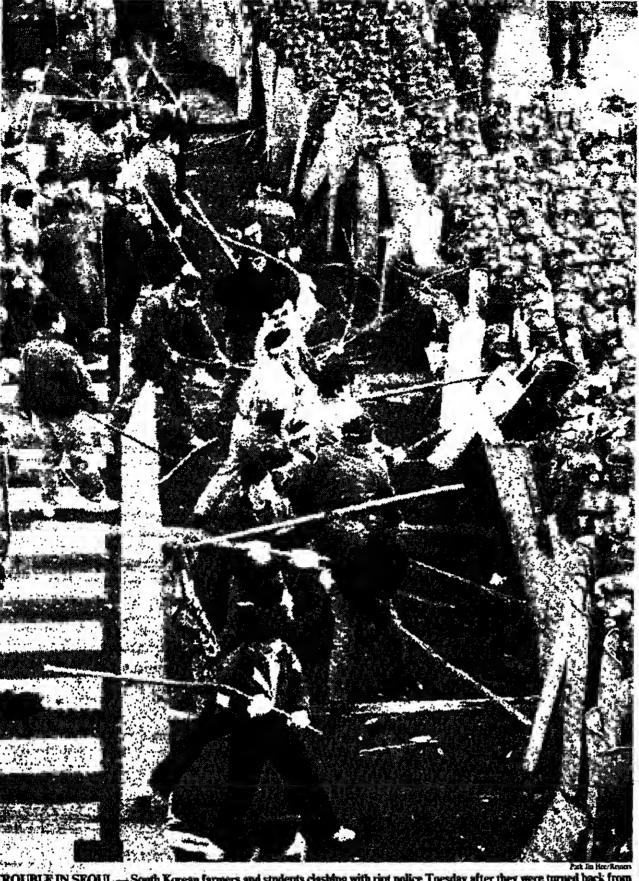
midshipmen in car accidents - the school now

A report made public last week described the

worst cheating scandal in the elite school's 149-

year history. No one, from the greenest plebe to the highest brass, came away unscathed by the

is devestated by its own failure.



TROUBLE IN SEOUL - South Korean farmers and students clashing with riot police Tuesday after they were turned back from marching on the U.S. Embassy. The protesters were demanding that the government veto a bill that would allow importation of rice.

U.S. Politics Serves the Sinn Fein Cause

By R. W. Apple Jr.

WASHINGTON - Both the U.S. Embassy in London and the State Department recommended that Gerry Adams be denied a visa, but President Bill Clinton decided to admit the Irish republican leader to the United States anyway, largely for domestic political reasons. U.S. officials said Tuesday.

In announcing the decision Sunday, the White House said that Mr. Adams, who heads Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, had made encouraging remarks about renouncing violence at a meeting Friday morning with U.S. diplomats in Belfast. But British and American diplomats familiar with the results of the meeting heatedly dispute this, asserting that Mr. Adams merely repeated old,

cept: "Midshipmen do not lie, cheat or steal."
It leaves me sad," said Richard L. Armitage,

a former State Department official and 1967 academy graduate. "It's a depressed feeling. Even the weather over there adds to it. It's

"Many of us who have been in the Defense Department hierarchy feel like we let down the

home term a little bit by not trying harder over the years to preserve the shrine of our honor,"

said Mr. Armitage, who serves on the civilian

Board of Visitors, which oversees the academy.

After the report, parents flooded the school

ambiguous formulations in answer to specific this," a White House tactician said. "But he

A White House official confirmed that Mr. Clinton had made the decision personally and conceded that be had been influenced, in part, by the fact that Senators Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, among others, strongly lobbied for the admission of Mr. Adams. He arrived in New York City on Monday for a conference on

Northern Ireland Mr. Moynihan and Mr. Kennedy, both Irish-Americans and both liberal Democrats, are chairmen of major Senate committees whose cooperation is essential to the passage of the president's bealth care and welfare reform pro-

The president obviously gets a political dividend by accommodating Pat and Teddy on

Lynch, singled out for criticism in the report, would not give interviews. And midshipmen,

under strict orders to avoid the press, would say

only that the whole affair had left them emo-

"Since last spring, the morale around bere-has been the worst I've ever seen it," said a

professor who has taught at the academy for

seniors waiting to see if they'll be expelled, "it's

The academy, which produced former Presi-

tionally exhausted.

like a funeral.

Midshipmen Who Lied and Cheated: What Went Wrong?

also thought that this was a risk worth taking on its own merits, because it just might help the peace process in Northern Ireland. The only downside is that it obviously ticks off the Brits, but that is equally obviously acceptable to a lot

Many of Mr. Clintoo's backers and aides were infuriated during the 1992 campaign when the Conservative Party of Prime Minister John Major tried to belp former President George Bush win re-election. That wound has not

But the administration adopted a conciliatory tone Tuesday. After Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, met bere with Vice President Al Gore, the White House issued a

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al's report, the academy where 133 students cheated on the tough electrical engineering

exam in 1992. Later, many of them steadfastly

lied and colluded to cover up their involvement,

the report says.

What's more, the report says top officials

mishandled the investigation and fostered a

widespread impression of favoritism toward

As copies of the report filtered into the acad-

emy's small, walled campus here, linger-point-

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tough economic conditions. He said that of \$55 billion in aid packages command economy. announced over the last two years by the Group of Seven industrialized countries, \$38 Boris G. Fyodorov, a free-market advocate who quit his post as finance minister billion has been delivered, primarily in bilateral See WORKERS, Page 4 assistance.

At Reborn European Bank It's Lend More, Spend Less

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tetbane

LONDON - The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, assailed last year for spending huge sums to fix up its Loodoo headquarters instead of making loans to Eastern Europe, has quietly changed its

"The deals are coming thick and fast now." said Andrew Reicher, head of CS First Boston's office in Prague. There seems in be a new imperative to get things done."

Three years after its founding and four months after its new president, the veteran banker Jacques de Larosière, took the belm, the bank has managed an impressive turnaround. In 1993 the European Bank, which was set up to spur the economies of Eastern Europe and the

and investments in the region, oearly three times as many as in the previous year.

Last year's commitments totaled 3.76 billion European Currency Units (\$4.2 billion). Actual disbursements of cash in 1993 came to a more modest 550 million Ecus. But although that figure stood slightly short of the bank's internal targets, it still towers above the paltry 130 million Ecus disbursed in the previous year.

"The people we deal with there say they leel they are being watched more, that they need to do two or three deals a year," said a senior merchant banker in London, who asked not to be identified. He contrasted that state of affairs with the old days when the bank was run by Jacques Attali. Then, the banker insisted, Euro-

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chronicle of lying and cover-up that made a mockery of the academy's sacred Honor Conwith phone calls, trying to determine whether

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Terrorists in Algiers Kill a French Journalist

Harding Implicated in Attack

trict of Algiers on Tuesday and the French-

Tonya Harding's former husband admitted to a role in the attack on the skater Nancy Kerrigan. His lawyer said Harding

was involved in the conspiracy. (Page 17)

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Two foreign journalists, a Frenchman and man later died of his wounds, the Algerian an Australian, were shot in the Casbah dissecurity services said. They called the income of Alice at Alice a

New Offers for Paramount

Viacom and QVC, rival bidders for Paramount Communications, submitted new offers just before a deadline set by Paramount in the five-month takeover battle. (Page 9)

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Kohl and Clinton Find Food for Thought in Capital

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Helmut Kohl is clearly not a man to

more than a decade. Now, he said, with the football players who cheated.

their children would be expelled. The academy's superintendent, Rear Admiral Thomas C. is also, according to the navy inspector gener-

When President Bill Clinton saw the German chancellor in Brussels a few weeks ago, he observed that Mr. Kohl reminded

him of a sume wrestler. Diplomatic relations between nations have been ruptured for less. But while many Germans considered the remark an insult, the jovial Mr. Kohl preferred to take it as a sign that the president, who also likes to eat, was trying to bond with him.

(At least, that is the spin Kohl advisers put on the story.) So rather than throwing down the gauntlet, Mr. Kohl threw down the giblet, making a date with Mr. Clinton to chow down together at a Georgetown restaurant best known for its giant

The German ambassador to the United States, Immo Stabreit, tried to put a patina of diplomary on Monday's visit, telling reporters that Mr. Kohl and Mr. Clinton needed to get together again so soon after Brussels because they had not had

a chance to talk in private. But high on the agenda for the two largest leaders of large countries was food, (After all, Mr. Kohl does not have much time before his annual Lenten diet begins.)

Mr. Kohl did not want to trifle with White House cuisine. He took the president to lunch at his favorite Italian restanrant, Filomena's, which he had plugged during his March visit, explaining to Mr. Clinton that he found it easier to fall asleep after eating a big dinner.

The German reporters camped outside the restaurant under-

stood that this was pasta diplomacy. "They are both great big food lovers, there's no doubt about that," said Werner Sonne, of German television. "You only have to look at Kohl to know he likes to eat. And President

Chinton obviously is also a food lover. "It all looks good," Mr. Clinton said. When he was told by Joanna Filomena Chiacchieri, one of the owners, that the "pasta mamas," as the traditional pasta makers are called, were excited by the visit, Mr. Clinton replied, "I want some of their

The two leaders, whose combined weight approaches 500 pounds, sat at a table in the back of the restaurant beneath a chandelier of glass grape clusters, surrounded by hanging pasta

strands and loaves of bread. "There's no spa cuisine here," bragged the chef, Vito Piazza. "Our motto is abbondanza." The men started with some 1988 Brunello di Montalcino (a

full-bodied red wine, naturally) and some favorite dishes of Mr. Kohl's. The chancellor has been coming to Filomena's for They had hot and cold antipasti. fried calamari - without

garlic, "for social reasons," a Kohl aide confided - and ravioli stuffed with veal, cheese and spinach and topped with marin-

"Chancellor Kohl likes his ravioli in a bread bowl," explained Mrs. Chiacchieri, adding that the bowl is edible. The president also had a Tuscan soup with white beans, tomato and spinach. They both had cappuccino and a dessert of zabaglione and mixed berries.

They did not eat any of the German chocolate cake, which Mrs. Chiacchieri had named "The President Clinton cake." But Mr. Clinton's personal aide, Andrew Friendly, was seen leaving the restaurant with two huge cake boxes, so there may have been some munching once the leaders were safely behind the tinted glass of their limousine.

Some members of the German and American entourages at the table had a hard time keeping up with their bosses. Asked how the lunch was, one of the American officials present replied, "The chancellor and President Clinton have much bigger appetites than I have."

South Africa's Urban Vigilantes Vow to Stay on Watch

New York Times Service

KATLEHONG, South Africa - A stranger blundering into the Ramokonopi section of Katlehong township between dusk and 2 A.M. may encounter a lithe young black man in denim shorts and a spotless

Except for the assault rifle half-hidden under his. windbreaker and the intense look of calculation - he is wondering whether to kill this intruder - he could be the law student he once aspired to be. Aged 26, he has a clean-cut, collegiate look, and an unflinching self-assurance about his cause.

"Tve never killed anyone who was innocent," he said, smiling, "I would say, these people killed them-selves, by coming here. They kill themselves. I don't

In Katlehong, an urban combat zone east of Johanoesburg, he is one of the most respected leaders of the urban vigilantes who style themselves "self-defense units." To some township residents, he is black South Africa's guardian angel; to many others he is a Fran-kenstein monster of liberation that endangers its

Although he supports the African National Con-

gress, the warnor says that neither Nelson Mandela held a job, and for the last two years has slept in it, and they express a general disdain for leaders who nor anyone else will wish him off the streets, not hideouts.

before and oot after elections in April. won't allow them to disarm me," he said. "We can't expect that after 27 April everything is going to be normal, we're all going to get jobs and like that. We can't expect that those who are killing the people will listen to the new government."

The self-defense units originated in the mid-1980s as a kind of South African uprising against white police officers and soldiers who bedeviled the black townships. They coalesced into more formal militias in 1990, when the townships around Johannesburg erupted in conflict between the African National Con-

gress and the Zalu-based Inkatha Freedom Party.
They are organized block by block, with probably hundreds of fighters in the lethal eight-kilometer (fivemile) radius centered on Katlehong. For every fighter there are many others who serve as unarmed helpers, hoisting boulders to barricade streets or digging trenches to ambush police vehicles.

Financed by tithes from every household, they buy

black-market guns and ammunition that flow from Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The Ramokonopi vigilante dropped out of school four years ago to enlist in the street war. He has never

The targets of the patrols are, first, the mainly white police of the bated Internal Stability Unit and, second, anyone suspected of being Inkatha.

Ramokonopi borders on Mazibuko Hostel, an Inkatha stronghold. To eliminate Inkatha havens in the neighborhood, the vigilantes have forced families suspected of Inkatha sympathies to evacuate their houses. A strange car or pedestrian entering the neighbor-hood will be stopped and searched at gunpoint. If the vigilantes are not satisfied, they will kill a suspect on

"It is bad to kill somebody, but it is easy to pull the trigger," he said. "I don't have any shame for the white police. I kill 10 of them and feel nothing. I only feel for a black person, and if he is Inkatha I do not feel very

Often after the vigilantes have wounded or killed a suspected inkatha trespasser, their entourage will set the suspect on fire, a way of extending the insult to the victim's family and comrades by denying them a last look at his face.

Although most Katlehong militia members support the African National Congress, they do not answer to

Formally, they are overseen by civic organizations, local councils loosely aligned with the ANC but in-cluding members of other, more militant parties. In

practice, the units are a power unto themselves. Even Peter Mokaba, an ANC militant who had been a hero to township youngsters, has described the creation of the self-defense units as "naive and

"It was wrong to put men and women with arms under an ill-defined and amorphous structure known as 'the community,' " he said in his final speech as chairman of the ANC's Youth League. Discipline had broken down, he added.

The vigilante from Ramokonopi once idolized Mr. Mokaba but now lumps him with the majority of politicians who, he says, are out of touch with the

His reaction to black leaders who would disband the units is insistent and a bit offended. On the contrary, he suggests, the township milities should be legalized, trained and paid to continue doing what they do now. "They should be the first line of defense for the people," he said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Asia Gets More of West's Toxic Waste:

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Asia is the West's latest toxic-waste dump, swallowing millions of tons of discards from industrialized nations each year, the international environmental group Greenpeace said Tuesday.

They used to send it to Africa, Central and Latin America, but as these regions have closed off, it's coming out to Asia," said Simon Divecha, a toxic trade specialist with Greenpeace.

From 1990 to 1993, Australia, Canada, Germany, Britain and the From 1990 to 1993, Australia, Canada, Germany, Britain and the United States shipped more than 2.4 million tons of tunic waste to Asia, Mr. Divecha said. This included household garbage, scrap lead batteries, aluminum, cadminum, plastics, and medical and radioactive wastes under the price of respecting from the United States. the guise of recycling from the United States, Europe and Japan, a Greenpeace report said. The report said that waste traders plan to simp more than five million more tons if Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India and Vietnam approve the traders' proposals.

Latvia Opts for NATO Partnership

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Georgi Andrejevs of Larvia failed Tuesday to get U.S. security gnarantees for his Baltic nation, but said Latvia would join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's new

but said Latvia would join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's new Partnership for Peace program this month.

Mr. Andrejevs said that winle Latvian security had been one of the main topics during two hours of talks with senior defense officials at the Pentagon, "We were not able to get these guarantees."

Instead, he said, Latvia had "decided positively" to joining the Partnership for Peace, under which NATO has invited former Soviet states to develop ties with the West without offering them military protection. "Somebody from my country is going to go to Brussels to sign the first agreement," Mr. Andrejevs said. He did not give a date.

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Yacht Murders Shock the Caribbean

LONDON (Combined Dispatches) - Scotland Yard detectives joined an investigation Tuesday into the murders of two American passengers and two British crewmen on a yacht in the Caribbean, the police said.

Fishermen found the bodies Saturday after the yacht was found anchored not far from the island of Barbuda, 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of the West Indies island of Antigna, All four had been tied up, gagged and repeatedly stabbed in the face, head and neck. The yacht belongs to the British computer company Ogden, the police said.

The murders came as a shock to the twin-island federation of Antignamed Beginning Beginnin

and Barbuda. Reports suggested that the vessel may have been raided by pirates who prey on vessels in the area. The victims were identified as an Ogden executive, John Cleaver, his wife, Patty Cleaver, both originally from California but living in Britain, and two British crewmen, Ian Cridland and Thomas Williams. crewmen, Ian (AFP, AP)

30 More Die in Burundi Ethnic Strife

BUTUMBURA, Burandi (Renters) — At least 30 people have been killed and 40 wounded in renewed ethnic bloodletting in Burandi, the International Committee of the Red Cross said Tuesday.

"According to hospital sources there have been 30 dead and 40 wounded," a Red Cross spokesman said in Nairobi.

Diplomatic sources said most of the casualties occurred Monday after.

gangs of youths from the minority Tutsi people overturned buses outside the capital, Bujumbura, Violence empted after Tutsis blocked all main roads leading into the city in a crisis over the choice of a successor to President Melchior Ndadeye, a Hutu who was slain in October. Thou-sands of Burundians have been killed since the assassination.

Floods and Mud Kill 16 in Colombia

FLORIDA, Colombia (Renters) — Floodwaters and a sea of mud up to 10 meters high swept across parts of southwestern Colombia, killing at least 16 people, leaving dozens missing and thousands homeless, local officials said Tuesday.

Two rivers burst their banks in the region late Monday, burying vast

tracts of land under mud and rocks. The worst affected area was mound. Florida, a town of 80,000 people about 400 kilometers (240 miles) southwest of Bogota in the foothills of the Andes mountains.

Four shantytowns were wiped off the map," said the Florida govern-ment secretary, Nelson Echevarria Peña. Twelve people were confirmed dead and many more could be binied under the mind, he said.

Spain Arrests Bankrupt Australian

CANBERRA (Reuters) — The Spanish police arrested the bankrupt Australian entrepreseur Christopher Skase on the island of Majorca, where he has lived since his media compire was declared bankrips in 1991, the Australian attorney general. Michael Layarch; asmounced Tuesday.

Mr. Layarch said the action was made, in response to a request by Australia. for Mr. Skase's provisional arrest under the extradition treaty. between Australia and Spann. Mr. Skase faces 32 charges by the Australian Securities Commission relating to his management of his Qintex Mr. Skase's entertainment and leisure group was put in receivership in November 1989 with debts of 1.6 billion Australian dollars (\$1.1 billion) after an abortive bid for MGM/United Artists.

Correction

Estimates of 1993 earnings for Largarder's Group and its Maira Hachette SA subsidiary were incorrectly characterized in an article Tuesday. Net earnings for Matra Hachette are expected to rise to more than 600 million francs (\$101.4 million) from 354 million francs in 1992, while Lagardère's net earnings are expected to surpass 150 million francs. up from 96 million francs in 1992.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Chinese Travel Abroad Hits Record

BELING (Reuters) — A record number of Chinese traveled abroad last year after Beijing loosened exit restrictions, while foreign arrivals rose sharply because of to China's economic boom. Nearly 700,000 Chinese left the country on personal trips, and only 4

percent of first-time applicants were denied exit permits, compared with about 20 percent in 1992, the China Daily said Tuesday.

Foreign arrivals in China jumped by 16.6 percent to hit 9.5 million, with Japanese visitors accounting for about 900,000 and Russian visitors.

Malaysia Airlines came under fire for portraying Sarawak state on Bonneo island as a land-of head-hunters in its in-flight magazine. "A golden land of headhunters, hills and hornbills" is how it was described in a magazine's feature "Raiders of Hidden Worlds." The Bernaum news-

agency quoted the Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations who called it a smear and an advertising gimmick since "head-hunters in Sarawak had already disappeared in the last century."

(Resters)

Singapore launched a new shortware radio service broadcasting in English, Maley and Chinese. Radio Singapore International is expected to reach listeners in Indonesia, Maleysia and Brunei with news, current affairs and entertainment programs. The radio service started one month after the launching of Singapore International Television, a satellite channel to much of Asia for one hour each day.

The safety of ski lifts and other cable transport systems would be assured under measures proposed by the European Commission. The proposal covers cable cars, functulars and chair lifts.

(Render) American citizens in France should get their passports renewed and

their infants registered before the summer rush, the U.S. Embassy in Phis-has urged. Up to 50,000 visitors from the United States are expected to visit France this year for the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Shots Disrupt Celebration Of Revolution Date in Iran

TEHRAN - A man fired shots outside the shrine of Ayatollah Rubollah Khomeini in Tehran on Tuesday as Iran's head of state gave a speech marking the start of the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The official Iranian press agency, IRNA, said shots were fired into the air by a man with a pistol who was then seized by the crowd. The

man later told interrogators that he wanted only to spoil the

celebrations, IRNA said. President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, 59, resumed after a short break his speech marking the return from exile in 1979 of the father

"Hashemi, Hashemi, you are the apple of our eyes," chanted the

Croats Intervened In Bosnia, UN Says

By Julia Preston

Washington Post Service
UNITED NATIONS, New York — Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali said Monday that UN officials had confirmed to the Security Council that Croatia sent as many as 5,000 troops armed with heavy artillery and rocket-launchers to fight on the side of the Croats

In a report to a closed meeting of the council late Monday, a senior UN official said there were three Croatiao brigades, numbering 3,000 to 5,000 soldiers, in Bosnia-

Herzegovina. He said that UN officials had observed troops drawn from six different Croatia-based brigades as well as special police units operating in support of the militias made up of Bosman Croats.

The UN official reported that the Croatian forces were equipped with heavy artillery and multiple ochers, but that UN observers had not seen any battle tanks. In recent days, the United Nations has observed four military helicopter flights from Croatia into

"The decision bas to be taken by the Security Council about bow to deal with this new element," Mr. Butros Ghali said at a press conference. He said the UN reports did not say whether the Croatian forces were regular army or volunteers. The Zagreb government has asserted that all the Creatians fighting in Bosnia are there oo their own initiative, outside its control.

While Croatian troops have been observed for many months in Bosnia, the heavy weapons have come in recently as Bosnia Muslim forces have pressed a successful campaign against positions of Bosnian Croats

The United Nations has imposed harsh sanctions on Serbia for back-ing the Bosnian Serbs with troops and heavy weaponry. During a visit to Croatia last month, the U.S. representative to the United Nations Madeleine K. Albright, warned that Croatia might also face sanctions if it intervened with troops in But many Council nations are

reluctant to consider ocw sanctions because they want to focus their efforts instead on bringing the parties to agree to end the war. Mr. Butros Ghali also issued a

call to Europe and the United States to continue to support the tortuous peace negotiations, and expressed his opposition to lifting the UN arms embargo.

■ Serbs Shell Tuzla Airport Serbian gunners oo Tuesday shelled the perimeter of the Tuzla airport in oorthern Bosnia-Herzegovina, which the United Nations wants to reopen to handle bumanitarian flights, Agence France-Presse reported from Tuzla, quoting a Swedish officer of the UN

Protection Force. Lieutenant Colonel Alf Grsi, the chief of general staff of a Scandinavian battalion deployed in the Tuzla area, said that "grenades fell in and outside the airport area." Nine shells were fired at about 4:30 P.M. by Serbian forces surrounding Tuzla, officers at the battalion headquarters said. One fell less than a kilometer from the run-



MOGADISHU LESSON - Orphaned Somali girls in class at an Islamic school in Mogadishu, where fundamentalism is rising.

Algiers Terrorists Kill French Journalist

ALGIERS - A French journalist was killed

and his Australian colleague was seriously wounded in a terrorist attack in Algiers on Tuesday, the Algerian security services said. Olivier Quenemeur, 34, a Frenchman who worked for the Australian Broadcasting Corp., died after being taken to a hospital. The Australian, Scott Allan White, 35, also

employed by the network, was in serious condition, the security services said. They said the attack was carried out in the

Casbah district of the capital, considered a stronghold of Muslim fundamentalists. They gave no further details.

Sources said the journalists were shot by two or three gunnen who subsequently fled. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the killings.

The authorities have blamed armed Islamic activists for attacks on Algerian intellectuals and foreigners seen as collaborating with the regime. Mr. Quenemeur was the 27th foreigner and fifth French national to be killed in Algeria since such attacks began on Sept. 20.

A Muslim extremist organization, the Armed

Islamic Group, has claimed responsibility for several of the attacks on foreigners since it kidnapped three French consular workers last

The group held the three for a week before they were freed by security forces at the end of October. One of them had been given a messa warning foreigners that they had until Dec. 1 to leave the country or face death.

South African Police Pulled From Some Areas

KATLEHONG, South Africa - Venturing into the deadliest of South Africa's political killing fields, Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, unveiled a peace plan Tucsday that marked the first time his organization had given its political blessing to a major police initiative by the white minority

The plan — also presented in Pretoria by President Frederik W. de Klerk — calls for withdrawing a mainly white riot police squad from a cluster of townships east of Johannes-

The plan was denounced as a "treacherous betrayal" by a spokesman for the Inkatha Freedom Party, which is largely Zulu. The spokesman asserted that South African Defense Force

troops were "openly aligned with the ANC,"

personnel carriers, dodge bullets and pick up

body of a man was found not far from the community center where Mr. Mandela spoke.

burg. The police unit is being replaced by the mainly black army troops. "This plan is intended to save lives," Mr. "This plan is intended to save lives," Mr. By Paul Taylor

Mandela told a cheering crowd of ANC sup-porters in a community hall. Since July, nearly 1,300 people have been slaughtered in this and neighboring townships.

part-political, part-economic, part-ethnic, part-

The main source of the violence here is a

hostels on the edge of the communities On most nights, residents say, one can hear the crackle of gunfire. Most mornings, the po-lice drive through the dusty streets in armored

Tuesday morning, the hacked body of a woman was found in the Mandela squatter camp just outside of Katelong, and the burned

Tale of 2 Cities, Venice and Mestre, Nears Its Final Chapter

By Roderick C. Morris

VENICE - For centuries, the Doge of Venice was rowed in a gilded barge to the mouth of the lagoon every spring to cast a gold ring into the deep to celebrate the tity's "eternal marriage to the sea." In 1926, however, Mussolini presided over a shotgun wedding that formed Venice into a single city with the oewly emerging industrial town of Mestre.

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This second marriage has not according to an increasing number of friends of both parties, been a success. "Separation" was first discussed as the only solution to the couple's future happiness more than 30 years ago. Now, after two previous referendums, in 1979 and 1989, Venetians will vote Sunday with the distinct possibility that Venice and Mestre will finally decide to untie the knot.

The terraferma was always considered as the doormat of Venice," Piero Bergamo, 65, Venice-born lawyer who initiated the "separation" campaign in 1960, said in his

office in Mestre.
"And then, in the 1920s a real disaster struck when a group of local businessmen who wanted to develop heavy industries on the mainland and also held positions in the Fascist government obtained a decree to make Mestre, until then an independent town, part of Ven-

Michael answers the call of the wild.

"Ever since both cities have been suffering dire consequences from this fatal embrace. Venice is a city of canals, waterways, a unique, ancient city with problems entirely different from Mestre, a modern town whose destiny lies with the rest of the mainland "

The industrialization of the area to the south of Mestre created a new port, shipyards, factories and Italy's largest petrochemicals works. This led in turn to steady migration from Venice to the main-land, as many Venetians moved in search of jobs, cheaper housing and more modern amenities. The resulting exodus has raised the populatioo of Mestre-Marghera to around 200,000 and reduced that of Venice and the other islands of the lagoon to a little more than

Meanwhile, those in favor of a "yes" vote for separation say that as Mestre's problems remain paratwo distinct, incompatible cities

who leads Venice's campaign for division, "to do a study of the Venetian Local Politician. This would be a medical, psychological, psychiatric study — a study of schizo-phrenia. After all, he has to deal simultaneously with two completely different types of electorate, whose needs and wishes are totally opposed. In Mestre-Marghera he has to say that we must preserve old industries, create new jobs, re-invigorate the chemical works. But if he goes, say, to Pellestrina, an

solved, " said Mr. D'Elia, "as long mount, which they will, given that, because of the population distribu-

apparently rising inexorably — in the earlier referendums, 27 percent in 1979, 43 percent in 1989, and, according to a survey a couple of weeks ago, 55 percent now — the debate has become more heated than ever. To add to the excitement, it was found out just over a week ago that the boundaries shown on posters pasted up by the municipality were different from the ones described in the referendum document. The entire industrial area of Marghera and a sizeable residential zone on the

After a flurry of meetings, the Regional Council announced that the borders as shown on the posters would apply, although they slice through Venice's airport, leaving

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Another issue is whether Venice would get to keep all the takings of the city's Municipal Casino or whether they would be shared with

In the past all the main political parties opposed dividing Venice and Mestre. But, with the disintegration of the old system, the center-right parties are broadly in favor, including the Northern League, which swept the board in many mainland Veneto constituencies, and in the populous fishing port of Chioggia at the south of the

The Democratic Party of the however, which led an alliance o leftist parties that won a majority

in recent municipal elections in Venice, remains opposed to the split, and is campaigning for a "no"

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island of fishermen on the lagoon, he launches himself into a speech of an environmentalist variety, saying that industrial pollution must be controlled, fish stocks protected, a contradictory proposition." "Venice's problems will never be

"It would be interesting," said tion, there are twice as many votes Mario D'Elia. 47, also a lawyer, in Mestre as in Venice." With a support for a "yes" vote

mainland might have ended up as a Venetian enclave in Mestre.

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Clinton Talks Up His Health Plan, Dole Talks It Down

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton cautioned against merely unkering with America's health-care system Tuesday and insisted that he would sente for nothing less than guaranteed insurance for all. His chief Republican critic held out new hope for

compromise.

After separate appearances by Mr. Clinton and the leader of the minority Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole, before the nation's governors and the American Hospital Association, the president said he came away

encouraged about prospects.
"It's better for the American people if we work together and tone our rhetoric down," Mr. Clinton

Mr. Dole, speaking to the National Governors Association just before Mr. Clinton did, told the governors they "may have laid out a framework for the rest of us to rally around and talk about."

Supply

Of Blood

Dwindles

NEW YORK - Once

again, the blood supply in the United States is perilously

low. But this winter the short-

age has been the worst and longest since World War II.

The situation was so bad, blood bank officials said, that

if more people had been in-jured in the Jan. 17 earthquake

in Los Angeles, there might

not have been enough blood to

At that time, the supply around the country was down to less than a day from the

preferred five to seven days.

The blood supply in Los
Angeles and surrounding areas was in incredibly bad
shape, and there was no blood

to send in from anywhere,

said Marcia Lanc, a spokes-

woman for the American As-

sociation of Blood Banks. The

association represents 2,400 blood banks, including those in the American Red Cross, the collection of the collection of

that collect and process au percent of the blood trans-

Officials offer a number of

explanations for this year's

shortage, ranging from severe weather and the flu outbreak

to potential donors' irrational fear of contracting AIDS. But

the severity of this year's

shortage combined with the

predictability of scasonal

shortages in general raises an imderlying question about the reliability of the blood collec-

In the last month blood

supplies reached dangerous

levels in more than 40 cities

and resulted in postponement

of elective surgery in several

By Pierre Thomas

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Fewer U.S.

students disapprove of drug use

and fewer see it as posing a risk, and fewer see it as possing a task, according to a long-term study by the University of Michigan's Insti-tute for Social Research, which re-

ported that illicit drug use among American teenagers had increased

in the last two years.

This reverses a trend of generally

decreased use that began in the late 1970s and the early 1980s.

More teenagers are using man-juana, LSD, inhalants and summ-

lants, the survey of 51,000 students

found. The report, conducted for

the National Institute on Drug

Abuse, also revealed a rise in ciga-

retie use, but found that cocame

use, both in powder and crack

form, held steady at low levels and

These are disturbing findings," said Lloyd Johnston, a researcher

on the survey, but he noted that the

numbers still remain below the lev-

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Smokers Beware

Of Colon Cancer

Strongest Evidence Yet Cited:

Risk Starts Early, Never Ends

WASHINGTON - In the

strongest evidence yet, two studies involving more than 150,000 peo-

ple show that cigarette smoking can lead to colon cancer in both men

The parallel studies, to be published Wednesday in the Journal of

the National Cancer Institute, also found that early smoking apparently fixes for life the risk of colon-rectal cancer, even if the smoking

"With colon cancer, if you smoke in your 20s, that risk stays with you, said Dr. Edward Gio-vannucci of Brigham and Women's

Hospital in Boston, the Channing

Laboratory and the Harvard School of Public Health. "Even if

you stop at age 40, you'll still be at

The risk is also "dose-related,"

he said. "The more you smoke, the

Other studies show that stopping

disease, king cancer and other dis-

The colon cancer conclusions are based on a Harvard School of Pub-

orders, Dr. Giovannucci said.

pack years in just a decade. In the men's study, 35-to-39-pack-year smokers were almost one

and a balf times as likely to develop

cancer of the colon or rectum as

Similar results were found in the

women's study, with the risk dou-

bling for women with a smoking

history of 45 pack years or more.

Some earlier studies failed to find a relationship between colon-

rectal cancer and cigarette smok-

ing, and Dr. Giovannucci said this

may have been because it can take

35 years for the effects of smoking

naive about drugs and has to learn the same hard lessons."

The report looked at racial pat-terns of drug use and found, "con-trary 10 conventional wisdom,

black students report the lowest

rates of use for virtually all drugs, licit and illicit; and this is true at all three grade levels included in the

Many specialists say that surveys

about drugs, particularly those in-

volving young people, may be skewed because of the reluctance of

some participants to tell the truth

about illegal activity and the desire

among others to brag.
But the Michigan study is seen as

the most reliable of its kind because

The Michigan researchers have

Although the numbers are rea-

son for concern, perhaps more dis-turbing is the change in attitude

Mr. Johnson said that the

changes would worry him less if the

toward drugs, researchers said.

been polling seniors about drug use

of its consistency and longevity.

for 19 years

to result in this type of cancer.

Fewer Students Disdain

Drug Use, Poll Shows

were those who never smoked.

habit is dropped.

more the risk."

He was referring to the governors' newly minted "Call to Action" on health care. It stops short of some Climton goals, but includes a Republican concession that employers be required to make coverage available to more than the coverage available to more the coverage available to more than the coverage available to the covera

Mr. Dole seemed intent on keeping Republicans involved in the debate, telling his party, "We're going to be up in the bleachers when the parade goes by

unless we get our people together."

Mr. Dole repeated Republican opposition to Mr. Clinton's proposal that employers be required to pay at least 80 percent of their workers' health-care premiums. Mr. Clinton countered: "I still believe in the requirement for employers to cover their employees."

The president, in two speeches that nearly exhausted his voice, affirmed his State of the Union declara-

tion that universal coverage must be a part of any "We have to do it now," he told the hospital

added: "Without full coverage, I don't see any way to avoid the conclusion that states will continue to bear a disproportionate hurden of skyrocketing health-care

At both appearances, he criticized competing plans that would make workers' health-care benefits subject to income taxes, saying it makes more sense to tackle

to income taxes, saying it makes more sense to tackle waste and inefficiency in the current system.

"Before you tax the benefits of working people whose wages have been stagnant for 20 years, why don't you ask how we can justify spending a dime out the dollar more on paperwork, regulation and insurance premiums than anybody else?" he asked hospital officials

In recent days, Mr. Dole has tried to hack away from the dispute, dismissing it Tuesday as "theatries." But the Clinton administration, sensing that the public was on its side - keeps hitting on the issue.

Although Mr. Clinton at one point derided the issue as "a big linguistic battle." he repeatedly referred to the health-care system as in crisis.

"Anybody who thinks there are no serious problems, no crisis in the health-care system. I would say go visit your local hospital," he told the hospital officials to broad applause.

Speaking a day after the president signaled new flexibility on some elements of his health-care plan, Mr. Dole later told reporters, "I think the president's done a reality check," He added. "Maybe the president of the presiden denl's trying to make it easier for us by hacking off some of the worst features," including spending limits and mandatory insurance-purchasing alliances.

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Clinton Names Boston Lawyer to Rights Post

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton named a Boston lawyer, Deval Patrick, on Tuesday to be the nation's chief civil-rights enforcer, filling a spot left vacant for months after the withdrawal of Lani Guinier. Wasting no time, conservatives called Mr. Patrick "a Mr. Clinton heatedly suggested that Mr. Patrick's conservative stealth Guinier."

one critics "don't give a rip about civil rights."

In his announcement, Mr. Clinton said Mr. Patrick "understands the law is a tool to help teal people with real problems." Mr. Patrick, a native of Chicago, said, "I am humhled."

Conservatives denounced the choice. "Patrick appears to be a

'stealth Guinier, " said Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice. "He 'stealth Guinter, "Said Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice." He has no paper trail, but is part of the same pro-quota chorus that produced Lani Guinier." Ms. Guinier, a law professor, was Mr. Clinton's first nominee for the post. Critics said her writings advocated increasing black political power by radical means. Republican senators repeated denounced her as "Clinton's quota queen." (AP)

White House View of Press: Contemptuous

WASHINGTON - Behind closed doors, the senior officials around President Bill Clinton concede that they do not think much

of the journalists who cover them.

They think television coverage of the presidency, as one adviser put it, is something of a "joke." Most prefer the coverage in out-of-town papers to that provided by The New York Times and The Washington Post. And many believe that much of the press seems washington Post. And many believe that much of the press seems washington Post. And many believe that much of the press seems eager to destroy people and policies rather than provide objective coverage of either. The views are contained in an in-house survey of "a sizable portion of the president's top advisers" conducted by White House staff members and obtained by the Los Appeles Times

White House staff members and ohtained by the Los Angeles Times.
"Overall, the media receive a passing grade for accuracy," the report said. But it went on to characterize that accuracy as "inconsistent" and "sporty" and said the term "accuracy" applies at all only when the press is reporting hasic facts.

When it comes to the task that the modern media increasingly see

as its more important role — providing context and analysis —

insiders view the press as far less capable. One official said that as soon as journalists tried to explain what something meant. "they fall into the quicksand called 'Washington journalism.' "All the quotations in the report are anonymous. In contrast to a study by the Bush White House, Mr. Clinton's advisers do not detect any ideal arised hiss in the press. Most often

advisers do not detect any ideological hias in the press. Most often, the media were described as "apolitical" and "middle of the road." Yet, at least one senior official said that such a perception itself suggested that "we share a similar outlook," adding, agree with people, you generally call them moderate, middle of the

Debate Quickens on Death of Clinton Alde

WASHINGTON — The gun found on Vincent W. Foster Jr.'s hody last summer was tested by a federal agency, and the powder burns "were consistent" with forensic evidence that the deputy White House counsel killed himself, a law enforcement official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, released additional details about the investigation into Mr. Foster's death in an effort to dispel speculation in a newspaper story last week that foul play, not suicide, could have been involved.

The 38-caliber revolver was tested by the Bureau of Alcobol,

Tobacco and Firearms, and the powder hurns in those tests "were consistent" with those found on Mr. Foster's body, the official said.

The New York Post reported last week that paramedies who attended to Mr. Foster's body found the absence of blood unusual, and concluded that and other factors raised the analysis to the concluded that and other factors raised the analysis to the concluded that and other factors raised the analysis to the concluded that and other factors raised the analysis to the conclusion. and concluded that and other factors raised the possibility that the White House deputy counsel had fallen victim to foul play.

The Wall Street Journal, meanwhile, has filed a lawsuit demanding the release of the Park Police report on Mr. Foster's suicide. Noting the New York Post reports, a Journal editorial said, "If they are wrong, it's a great pity the complete Park Service Police report has not been released to still such speculation.

"If they are right, the Justice Department and the Park Service Police have had a great deal to hide. Either alternative suggests that the report should be released forthwith."

Quote/Unquote

George Bush, in Washington to receive an honor from Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, to an autograph seeker: "Oh no, you don't need my signature; I'm unemployed; I'm out of a job." (WP)

THOUSANDS GETTING HELP — Earthquake victims filling out forms for emergency food stamps in Los Angeles, amid signs that the city was beginning to return to normality. The White House said Tuesday it would ask Congress for an additional \$2 billion in aid.

Away From Politics

cigarette smoking at any age, how-ever, does lower the risk of heart • The cable television industry unveiled a farreaching plan Tuesday for curbing violence on television, endorsing a ratings system and technology that would allow parents to block certain programs. The National Cable Television Association and cable network executives hope to be a defined in contrassional legislation to he Health study of 47,935 men and a Brigham and Women's study of Dr. Giovamucci said the studies to head off pending congressional legislation to limit violence on television.

snowed a unext reasonable per tween the tamounts of smoking measured in pack years, and the development of cancer. He said a of the first U.S. soldier among more than 8,000 of the first U.S. soldier among more than 8,000 gon said that Army Sergeant Frank Morales of Nagubo, Puerto Rico, whose remains were missing since the 1950-53 conflict. The Pentapack year is equivalent to smoking one pack of cigarettes a day for one year. Thus, a person who smokes two packs a day can accumulate 20

among 194 believed to be U.S. troops turned over by North Korea since 1990, had been identified by a U.S. military laboratory in Ha-

· Young men who showed little effect from the equivalent of rapidly drinking three or five beers were much more likely to become alcoholics than men who felt very drunk, according to a study in the February issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry.

• A San Francisco law firm said it filed a lawsuit on behalf of more than 800 women who were exposed to radioactive iron at a Tennessee spital in the 1940s while they were pregnant.

peals court. The ruling could cost the airline bundreds of millions of dollars. A total of \$19 million was awarded in this case, when a jury found that Pan Am had failed to prevent a terrorist bomb from being placed aboard Flight 103 before it exploded in 1988 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

 A tracker beaten in the Los Angeles riots in 1992. Reginald Denny, will be allowed to sue the city for failing to protect him, a federal judge has ruled. An earthquake rattled Hawaii Island. It mea-

sured 5.2 on the Richter scale, lasted three to five seconds, and was centered under the Kilau-

ULSTER: Clinton Took a Calculated Risk on Letting In Sinn Fein Leader



Gerry Adams speaking to reporters Tuesday in New York. Emily Douglas Dies, Was in Congress in 1940s

woman to precede a husband to in Alabama. She served as a repre

came a member of the Foreign Af-

fairs Committee. She traveled after

the war in Europe and backed the relief efforts of the United Nations.

Mrs. Douglas was elected in 1944 and went to Washington as

epresentative at large. She failed

During her husband's 18 years

on Capitol Hill, Mrs. Douglas was an advocate of civil rights and marched with Martin Luther King

sentative to the UN Educational

Scientific and Cultural Organiza-

in her bid for re-election in 1946.

statement that spoke at length of the importance that the U.S. attaches to close cooperation with our British ally on a range of global issues on which our common values and interests unite us.

Mr. Major and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland issued a joint declaration Dec. 15 designed to provide a framework for ending the sectarian strife in Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein was guaranteed a part in the negotiations that are to follow, but only if it renounced the use of violence in which the IRA and Protestant militias have en-

An Appeal for a U.S. Role Mr. Adams called Tuesday for the Clinton administration to be actively involved in the Northern

book; "Remember the Ladies"

(1966), the story of women who

helped shape America, and "Mar-

British Air Chief Marshal

New York Thnes Service

Sir Neville Stack, 74, who com-

manded forces that airlifted British

troops to Jordan in 1958 to support

King Hussein and went on to be-

Sir Neville Stack, 74,

Ireland peace process and bring pressure to bear on Britain to hreak the deadlock, Reuters reported

for peace in Northern Ireland, Mr. Adams accused the British government of stalling by refusing to clarify its ideas on the future of Northern Ireland as expressed in the December declaration by Ireland There is an urgent need to

break the current deadlock and to move the situation on toward a tregotiated settlement and a lasting peace," he said. "The U.S. government can play a significant and positive role in encouraging the peace process hy helping to create a climate which moves the situation

The paratroopers' speedy arrival

in Jordan has been said to have

forestalled any sizeable outside in-

terference in Jordan, and the king's

government survived and consoli-dated its power.

ment could achieve that goal in two ways: hy facilitating the free extinction of the two governments pro-He added that the U.S. governchange of information and in an vides an historic opportunity to In a speech prepared for delivery to a conference here on the chances tively seeking to encourage dialogue and agreement."

Mr. Adams said, "It is clear that the British government have used all their influence, as in the past, to impede any progress on this or in any other matter which could influence or inform perceptions about the current situation in Ireland and the British government's responsihility for the present intolerable

standoff." He was addressing the conference on Northern Ireland spon-sored by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

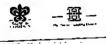
The United States, meanwhile called for all parties to the conflict m Northern Ireland to emhrace a joint Irish-British declaration on peace, saying it was a "historic opportunity" to end the violence.

The White House statement said Mr. Gore, in his meeting with Mr. She was the author of "Apple-seed Farm" (1948), a children's cer Jan. 26 in London. Hurd, "underscored our admiration for the courage and vision of Sir Neville was knighted in 1972 Prime Ministers Major and Revnand retired from the air force in 1978. The 1958 airlift carried 2,000 olds in putting forward a new framework for peace in Northern paratroopers from a British base on Cyprus to Jordan in a single day, July 17, after King Hussein asked



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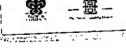
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Israel Tries to Cool Japan Makes It Sharp and Clear: Nuclear Arms Are Out Hope for PLO Pact

But Rabin Cites Progress

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM -- Israeli leaders sought Tuesday to dampen expectations that an accord would be reached this weekend with the Palestine Liberation Organization that would prompt the start of Israel's military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank. This isn't something that in one

week, everything will be worked out," Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-"I bope it will, but it if takes another three to four weeks, I sug-

gest not getting excited." His comments followed a weekend meeting in Davos, Switzerland, between the PLO chairman. Yasser Arafat, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of fsrael in which several major disagreements were nar-

The Israeli pullout was supposed to begin Dec. 13 but has been delayed by arguments over border crossings, the size of the Jericho district and security arrangements for Israeli settlers.

Senior Israelis said that although the agreement may not be signed this weekend, it appeared to be ou the way toward resolution. "Both Rabin and Arafat know the mo-

Israel Orders Singers to Use Proper Hebrew

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Anyone who wants to be star on Israel's airwaves will have to start minding his alephs and beths. The Israel Broadcasting Au-

thority has ordered singers on state radio and television to use "proper" Hebrew if they want to be heard. Not only will a song bave to use the words correctly, but also the singer will bave to pronounce them correctly.

The anthonity has set up a

panel of scholars to help lyricists in writing their songs without mangling the lan-

guage.

A rock singer, Arieh Zilber, protested, saying on state television: "I object to any attempt to impose academic rules on a creator, and a lyricist is a creator.

ment of truth is coming, when they will have to pay the price," an offi-

cial said Mr. Arafat, speaking in Geneva at the United Nations, said he was prepared to sign an agreement in Davos, but that Israel asked for seven days to review the situation. Mr. Arafat cautioned a human rights conference that "it is the peace process itself which is threat-

ened if this is dragged out for too "There was progress in the talks in Davos," Mr. Rabin said, but be added: "We did not reach an agreement in many very important ar-

"When there is a conclusion." he said, "it will have to be extremely

Mr. Peres, who is in Washington, said in an interview broadcast on Israel television that be and Mr. Arafat had reach agreements on broad issues but still needed to shape language in the agreement.

Mr. Peres also was quoted as

saying that Mr. Arafat told him he did not want a Palestinian state, but rather a confederation with

Talks between Israel and the PLO resumed in Cairo. The chief Pslestinian negotiator, Nabil Shaath, expressed hope that the details could be ironed out in time for Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat to meet again in Cairo on Sunday.

But in Israel, officials were play-

ing down the prospect of a signing

"I don't want to raise a level of expectations which can't be fulfilled," said Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, who accompanied Mr. Peres to Davos. "I hope that next week in Cairo there will be a signing, but I am not very sure about it, We still have many problems to solve, and many gaps to be

bridged."
The long delays in starting the pullout have cast doubts on whether Israel can meet the April 13 deadline for leaving most of the Gaza Strip and Jericho, Mr. Rabin has insisted that get-

ting an agreement satisfactory to Israel is more important than meet-"I am sorry to say that for Rabin, dates are not sacred," Mr. Arafat

Israelis said Mr. Peres would return and consult with Mr. Rabin

before the planned meeting with Mr. Arafat in Cairo. Mr. Sarid and Mr. Rabin both denied news reports here suggesting that Mr. Peres had acted without Mr. Rabin's consent.

TOKYO - Japan, in an unusually sharp response to suggestions from abroad that Tokyo could be reconsidering its longstanding ban on nuclear weapons development, said Tuesday that even if North Korea developed a nuclear bomb "there is no nuclear option for Ja-

The declaration followed reports in London that Britain's Defense

sary for a bomb. But the statements sokawa, the government said that in Tokyo also seemed prompted by "it is out of the question" that Jaconcerns in Washington that J2- pan would lift restrictions on napan's position may shift as nation- clear weapons. alists respond to the growing North ansis respond to the growing room, only destabilize Japan's interna-the chairman of the Senate Armed tional environment," Mr. Takethe chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Sunday mura said, "and would not aid our

mura, the cabinet secretary for

Japan now had the elements neces- Prime Minister Morihiro Ho-

"The nuclear arms option would that be considered Japan's anti-nu-elear commitment "an interim, prosperity."

But the statements stepped

In statements by the Foreign around the concern in Asia that Ministry and by Masayoshi Take. Japan has become something of a "virtual" nuclear power, possessing

Since last year it has begun to where any suggestion of a change in stockpile lous of plutonium—for a policy would probably bring down civilian breeder reactor program that increasingly looks like never

getting beyond the experimental stage. It has the technology to make a bomb and by some American estimates it would take only a few As a result, to many in Asia Ja-pan never needs to build a bomb. It is close enough to that point. While

the British report appeared to reach similar conclusions, such possibili-

Last year, however, a group of conservative politicians opposed Japan's plans to endorse an indefimite extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, saying that the country should preserve the option of making weapon.

"As long as we are confident that the United States would defend us against all threats, even regional powers like the North Koreans, I think there is nothing to worry about," an official said recently. "If that changed, it would be a very different situation."

In recent weeks Japanese offi-cials have been particularly upset that their commitment to remaintioned by former Bush administration officials. In testimony in Congress in November, Paul D. Wolfowitz, a former Defense Department official and ambassador recento Indonesia, expressed fear that cide North Korea would "push Japan said.

into military programs that Japan

has so far strongly resisted." Brent Scowcrott, George Bush's national security adviser, and Atpold Kanter, who dealt with North Korean issues in the State Department, have made similar state-

Some U.S. officials have said they fear the confrontation with North Korea could touch off a shift in Japanese attitudes, one the right in Japanese attitudes, out the light could exploit. "I think they are unite sincere in saying they will not" go nuclear, a U.S. official said in Washington. "I also think that today's intentions can shift."

Japanese officials reject that view, saying that even if the govern-ment wanted to change the policy, there is no way the public would stand for it. "I think we can totally exclude the possibility of Japan be coming a nuclear power, not only in the near future, but in the distant future," Kunihiko Saito, the deputy minister of foreign affairs, sa recently. "It would be political sui-cide for any party in Japan," he

Ukraine Parliament Chief Sees Arms Pact Approval

RIEV — The Ukrainian parliament will approve a nuclear disarma-ment pact signed last month in Moscow by the presidents of the United States. Russia and Ukraine, the chairman of the parliament, Ivan Plyushch, said Tuesday.

"The majority of deputies agree that the trilateral agreement is an important step in the disamnament process and will approve it," he said, referring to a pact committing Ultraine to give up nuclear weapons in C; exchange for security guarantees and compensation.

But Mr. Plyushch said the current parliament was unlikely to ratify the 1968 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, saying it was a job for a new parliament, which is to be elected March 27.

President Leonid M. Kravchuk urged deputies last week to ratify the accord. He had returned from signing the Moscow agreement on dis-tling the 176 strategic nuclear missiles on Ukrainian territory.

According to the trilateral agreement, Ukraine is due to receive compensation and guarantees in exchange for transferring nuclear warheads to Russia for disarmament.

North Korea Goes to the Brink of Renouncing Nuclear Treaty

says it is ready to tear up all its goodwill commitments over nuclear inspections and Garage peaceful and to the crisis are for a peaceful and to the crisis. clear inspections and finally renounce the Nuclear Nonprolifera-

But South Korean officials said Beijing, Washington and Seoul were stepping up diplomatic efforts to avert a showdown.

night Tuesday by the official Kore-

an Central News Agency, North Korea's Foreign Ministry accused widespread fears that North Koof nuclear weapons" and its freeze on all nuclear activities. rea's hard-line Communist leadership was secretly building nuclear

DOWN AND OUT IN TOKYO — Boxes and umbrellas are home in Tokyo's Shinjuku commercial district as the recession bites.

If Washington broke its promises, the statement said, North Korea would no longer be bound by In a terse statement issued over- its promises,

These included "all the goodwill

measures and commitments it has experts to determine whether or taken so far unilaterally including not a secret program exists. "the suspension of the effectuation of its announced withdrawal from the treaty on the nonproliferation

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and a merchant banking wing con-result decisions were painfully slow centrating on the private sector. in coming Now, he said, "the bank

That structure has been swept seems to operating much more like

away. Instead, Mr. Larosière creat- an efficient machine."

bankers.

Accusing the Americans of "despicable and dangerous actions of perfidy," it said: "If the U.S. has no tention to hold any further round of talks, the D.P.R.K., too, ve no intention to do so."

The UN agency says Pyongyang, which disclaims nuclear weapons ambitions, still refuses to allow inspection procedures vital to allow

head of the International Monetary

Fund and the Bank of France, gets

much of the credit for setting a new

many see as key to the bank's

ed a new country-focused organiza-

In three weeks, these experts must report to the agency gover-nors on their mission to find out if nuclear material has been diverted from civilian use to build arms.

If the agency reports failure, North Korea could find itself facing UN sanctions, a step it says would be an act of war.

But the South Korean ambassa-dor to China, Hwang Byung Tae, said China was pressing North Korea to end the nuclear dispute through Vienna talks with the

The reorganization has gone a long way towards making those

Already that change is evident in

■ Pressure for Patriots

Republican senators have increased pressure on the White House to send Patriot anti-missile batteries to South Korea, news agencies reported from Washing-

"A delay in sending Patriot mis-sile batteries to South Korea will signal a weakness on our part and embolden North Korea," said Senator Alfonse D'Amato in a letter to outgoing Defense Secretary Les

Mr. D'Amato, Republican of New York, serves on the defense nittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

before his ouster in July. Why is it,

an increasing number of people both inside and outside the bank ask, that the institution seems so

intent in hiding its newfound light

tion we will tell them," a bank

spokeswoman, Rebecca Hill, said,

referring to the bullish 1993 lend-

ing figures that have never been

Requests for interviews with bank officials do not even get that far. Under the institution's new

low-profile approach, bank executives declined to comment for this

"If anyone asks for that informa-

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officially released.

Curiously, one of the greatest article, while Mr. de Larosière has

BANK: Under New Management, There's More Lending, Less Spending

Although the Patriot system is a defensive weapon designed to deflect or destroy enemy ballistic mis-siles, the United States has been carefully considering the move be-cause of its possible impact on ne-gotiations with North Korea. & investme

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At the same time, lawmakers, particularly Republicans, have warned the administration of the consequences of refusing the request for forces or weapons from a battlefield commander. The warnings hark back to last fall when Mr. Aspin refused a request for tanks in Somalia shortly before an aborted raid led to the deaths of 18 U.S. servicemen. (AFP, AP)

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ACADEMY: A Bad Year Gets Worse in Annapolis

Continued from Page 1 ing began. A senior athlete, who was not among those accused of cheating criticized school officials, students in a state of ethical "con-

Admiral Lynch, for his part, de-fended his actions, saying that "the buck stops with the individual mid-

shipman."
"He said he felt we'd let him down, betrayed him," said a member of this year's senior class, recalling a Lynch briefing on the re-port to the senior class. "It was

Appalling as it was, the report was something of a relief after a year of grumbling and whispering about a cover-up. Perhaps the lowest point came in April, when Ad-

miral Lynch faced the entire 4,200- Senator Richard C. Shelby, Demomember brigade with the results of the initial investigation. Only six of cheating, criticized school officials, saying their leadership had left the students in a state of ethical "con"honor boards" would be expelled, and all five football players had

> Midshipmen began snickering, jeering and chanting the nickname of a student believed to have received the most blatant special break - a football player whose father is a close friend of Admiral Lynch's. The football player, whose expulsion was recommended by honor boards, was cleared by Admiral Lynch's second-in-com-mand, Captain John B. Padgett. Complaints finally reached

been cleared by top-level academy

members of Congress, including

Senator Richard C. Shelby, Demo-crat of Alabama, who sent a letter to the navy that prompted the in-spector general's investigation. Mr. Shelby, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee's per-sonnel subcommittee, says be leared that the investigation was bungled and has scheduled a hear-ing of the senadal this meek. ing on the scandal this week.

How to explain an incident that so utterly flies in the face of the school's vannted tradition of hon-

Admiral Lynch has said he thought the school just needed to do a better job of communicating the Honor Concept to students.

But aspects of the scandal suggest more fundamental problems to some observers.

tion that divides the 28 nations in controversies at the suddenly suc- yet to give an interview since taking which the bank operates into two cessful EBRD is one that would over. Speaking not for attribution, members of the bank's board say have been impossible to contemplate under its relentlessly highprofile first president, Mr. Attali,

that the closed-door policy is con-sistent with the new president's be-lief that organizations should be judged by their results, not the patina they can put on their accom-plishments in their press releases.

Others have their doubts. "A low profile is mappropriate for an insti-tution facing no end of competi-tors," said Paul Reynolds, a director of the Adam Smith Institute: a free-market think tank in London.

Looking forward, many experts consider that the bank is headed for a dangerous squeeze. Its man-date is to devote 60 percent of its resources to the private sector.

"To say that the bank must put money into the private sector in countries where there is none is simply a non sequitor," said S. Stanley Katz, a former consultant to the bank.

To make matters worse the bank's richer members — the likes of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, countries where the Eu-ropean Bank has made many private sector loans and investments - may soon outgrow the institu-tion. In Warsaw, Matthew Olex-Szczytowski, the local head of the British merchant bank Schroders PLC, points to the surprisingly rapid growth of both the Polish econo-

my and its financial markets. "It suggests that the FBRD much sooner than expected will have strong competition in providing funds to the Polish private scotor," he said. In the Czech Republication in the Czech Re lic, where by some estimates \$500 million in foreign funds poured into the stock market in the last three months of 1993 alone, that threat is even more imminent.

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WORKERS: A New Paradise for Employment Is Opening Across Russia "We have a shortage of people," he said. "Many Russians want to find easier jobs." On the other hand, Oleg Bely, a 24-year-old Ukrainian, is delighted to be driving a bus in inefficient that almost everyone lives poorly. Continued from Page 1 Many Russian factory workers live worse, at in frustration last week, contends that economleast materially, than Poles getting by on memployment benefits.

ic reforms have proceeded far too slowly be-cause of political opposition. In announcing his resignation, he lashed out at U.S. officials who have begun suggesting that for the sake of political stability Russia perhaps needed "less shock and more therapy."

"What kind of shock therapy is it if inflation runs at 20 percent a month? If the whole nation had just five bankruptcies during a year? If the official unemployment rate is 1 percent?" Mr. Pyodorov asked. "I think, if anything, reform is extremely slow-paced."

At the municipal Filyovsky trolley and bus depot in western Moscow, the employment chief Alexei Kopytin sees little evidence that reform is altering the job situation. The depot's 785-member work force now includes 122 Ukrainian drivers and repairmen, and Mr. Ko-pytin would hire 350 more if he had dormitory Moscow. In his home city of Vianytsya, where his wife and son still live, Mr. Bely's salary as a bus driver was the equivalent of less than 515

for 250 hours of work. Here, for 180 hours, he earns more than \$250. Despite two years of dire predictions, unemployment in Russia remains low. The official

rate is about 1 percent, and even the true rate, Ms. Shapiro said, is not higher than 5 percent. While productivity continues to slide, plants and commercial enterprises have responded by putting workers on forced leaves, cutting back their hours and holding back their pay. But almost no one has been laid off.

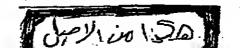
"When people hope that reforms are reversible, they hold onto their workers," Ms. Shapiro

The difficulty with this temporary solution, she added, is that the resulting cornorry is so

inflexibility in the housing market and con-tinuing government residency regulations have prevented uncomployed or underemployed Russians from moving with their families to areas of labor shortage, such as Moscow. And some Russians have found work in the growing po-

All these factors have left vacancies for foreign workers in some of Russia's least desirable jobs. Sergei Sointsev, spokesman for the Federal Migration Service, estimated that 300,000 workers, mostly from Ukraine and Relaming were working in Russia under contract. But most observers say the number is much higher, since most do not register with any agency.

Asked why Russians are not filling such posts, Mr. Solntsev said: "I cm' | answer this question, but my feeling is that it's not presti-



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U.S. Troops on UN Duty

Misadventures in Somalia and Bosnia have understandably given United Nations peace-keeping a bad name in the United States. Now the Clinton administration, tempering its earlier enthusiasm for such operations, has devised tough new conditions for U.S. participation.

The administration would be willing to

have U.S. troops join in UN peacekeeping if all the warring sides agree to a truce. If not, Washington would consider committing troops only if its security interests were at stake, and then only if the troops were essential to assure the operation's effectiveness and if their involvement had broad support from the American people and Congress. American troops would be allowed to serve under foreign commanders if circumstances warranted.

Senator Bob Dole wants to constrain U.S. participation still further. He would allow American troops to serve in UN operations. But he is introducing legislation that would bar the troops from serving under foreign command, prohibit U.S. forces from "any standing UN army" and cut back on American funding for UN operations. These steps could sometimes preclude a UN alternative to U.S. intervention and force America to choose between playing global cop or doing nothing to keep the peace. The administration's

case-by-case approach seems more prudent.
Having a U.S. commander take charge makes sense when Americans make up a large share of a UN force. But wby insist on assuming command if the United States makes just a taken contribution of troops? If, as in the case of Somalia, American troops are withdrawing and being replaced by forces from other countries, would Mr. Dole bar a U.S. commander from transferring command to someone else

before the last American leaves? U.S. troops would, of course, remain under the control of the president and could always be withdrawn from engagements that were culturily unsound or that failed to serve American interests. But it sometimes may make sense for American

troops to serve under foreign command.
Similarly, refusing to commit U.S. troops to
a standing UN army is reasonable. But what is
wrong with designating an American brigade or two to participate regularly in peacekeeping exercises with foreign forces? That way could practice working together and would be ready for prompt dispatch if the need arose. Paying for others to do peacekeeping may, at times, be preferable to sending American troops instead

In his credit, Senator Dole would insist on congressional approval before committing U.S. troops to UN peacekeeping, and would establish a realistic Pentagon budget for peacekeeping instead of diverting funds from military readiness. But Congress let Presi-dent George Bush dispatch 30,000 U.S. troops to Somalia without convening to debate the wisdom, and limits, of American involvement. Will it be any more willing in the future to conduct a timely debate and share responsibility for committing troops? And Congress has often been slow to pay the

U.S. share of UN operations.
In his understandable desire to pull back from ill-fated multilateral efforts, Mr. Dole could force the country into an uncomfortable choice: intervene alone in international trouble spots, or do nothing. The administration is right to learn from its mistakes without sounding total retreat.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Keeping Arafat in Play

Marked progress is being reported in efforts by Israel and the PLO to carry into effect the first-stage interim peace agreement they signed in September. The going is tortuous, but Israelis and Palestinians appear bent on bringing about the end of Israeli occupation and the establishment of a Palestinian autonomy regime in Gaza and in Jericho on the West Bank.

The issues now described as nearing resolution concern control over borders, security of Israeli settlements and the dimensions of "Jericho." These are far smaller and easier than the core questions that have been left to second-stage negociation — the fate of Israeli settlers and Palestinian refugees, the drawing of final borders, the status of Jerusalem.

Even the lesser issues, however, being the first oo which the parties have engaged across a table, touch every nerve and consume every inch of political space. Moreover, these lesser issues lend themselves poorly to split-the-difference diplomacy. Palestmians, for instance, strive for the positive benefits of territory acquired - prisoners freed, Israeli soldiers sent home, new jobs provided -while Israelis demand first the negative benefits of relief from Palestinian attacks. Pales tinians seek to endow an interim regime with all possible rights of sovereignty and statebood, even as Israelis seek to make the regime bterally interim: dependent on Israeli consent for further evolution.

Each new act of Palestinian terrorism shakes the Israeli public. Still, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is operating within a domestic consensus that ensures him support for the interim deal he is trying to negotiate. By contrast, Yasser Arafat - the PLO

chairman, or, as be prefers to put it, president - seems, both by the slow pace of oegotiations and by his own erratic leader-ship style, to bave lost much of the popular enthusiasm he earlier enjoyed. It makes him the more eager for a deal, lest he slip even more. It also makes the Israelis increasingly his political keeper. They must bargain to get what Israel oceds from this oegotiation. They must also bargain to keep Mr. Arafat in the game. At least until the elections contemplated in the interim agreement, he is the Palestinians' indispensable man.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Cleaner Cars for All

A small group of people from 12 Eastern states and the District of Columbia were meeting in a Washingtoo botel this Tuesday to make a critical decision for the environment, for consumers and for the automobile industry. They are members of the Ozone Transport Commission, established by the 1990 Clean Air Act to find regional solutions to air pollution problems up and down the Eastern Scaboard. On the table was a proposal bitterly opposed by the antomobile industry. If approved by the commission and by the Environmental Protection Agency, it would require all 12 states and the District to adopt California's tough "clean car" program.

The California program requires even lower automobile emissions in gasoline-fueled cars than those mandated by the Clean Air Act. But what terrifies Detroit even more is another mandate: the gradual introduction of electric cars, beginning with 2 percent of all oew cars sold in California in 1998 and climbing to 10 percent in 2003.

The industry says the electric car requirement is impractical. But the Eastern states should say "yes" to the California program. Their populations and California's comprise 40 percent of the American automobile market. And the fact that 40 percent of the market will have stipulated a desire for electric vehicles would give industry a continuing incentive to spend serious money on what could be the next leap in automotive technology. Some of the industry's fears are under-

standable. Electric car technology is primitive: tiny vehicles with a range of 150 miles (240 kilometers) costing more than \$35,000. There is no obvious market and, as yet, no means of mass production. Detroit has offered to build for everyone the same low-emission gaspowered vehicles it now builds for California. But many state governors say they cannot meet federal clean air standards as long as the cines are clogged with gas-driven vehicles. Detroit's technological prowess has made those vehicles 95 percent cleaner than they were 20 years ago. Even so, cars and trucks still account for nearly half of all urban smog. And there will

be more of them on the road as the years go by.

Industry also argues that "you can't legislate innovation." True. But artfully drawn regulations that set general targets and allow manufacturers to find their own solutions have stimulated amazing results; unleaded gasoline, for example, the catalytic converter and cleaner, reformulated fuel. In each case, there were many in the automobile and oil industries who said it could not be done.

There is one final reason why the Eastern states should adopt the California standards: They are not immutable. California officials will monitor technological advances and market forces. If conditions are not right by 1998, the deadline will be shoved back. But even a flexible mandate will keep manufacturers working on the problem — not just the Big Three, but a lot of little high-tech companies that may see a market where Detroit does not.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Small Ways to Save Ourselves

The history of life offers sobering examples of species destroyed by their own success, species whose success at reproduction overwhelmed the habitat oo which they relied. Will Homo sapiens be such a species?

China lost enough arable land to develop ment and abuse during the Cold War to support 450 million people. Despite population control efforts that have been criticized for their harshness. China's population is still growing. How long can arable land shrink and population grow before a massive crisis results? Are there any answers?

A Kenya Museum Society program makes protection of an irreplaceable resource like the Arabuka Sokeke forest economically viable (dried butterflies are sold to shops and for craft work). Conservation International has done something analogous in the Amazon rain forest. Apologists of big government and big business alike should give (such modest projects] a close look.

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Big Trouble Ahead if Yeltsin Slows Down

D AVOS, Switzerland — To the spoils of communism belong the two Viktors: Chemomyrdin and Gerashchenko, Russia's prime minister and the bead of its central bank have Bons Yeltsin's ear and his support for a go-slow economic reform program that will cause consternation in the West when its outlines become fully apparent.

Mr. Chernomyrdin and Mr. Gerashchenko now pilot President Yeltsin's attempt to stay affoat amidst the wreckage of the Soviet era and Mikhail Gorbachev's chaoric "perestroika." The two Viktors are not fighting Mr. Yeltsin nr each other, as press reports often indicate. They are fighting, hiess them, to save Mr. Yeltsin and, alas, to save the indus-trial core of the old Soviet system. Mr. Yeltsin's fate has now be-

come entwined with an economic program that seeks to delay or avoid gether the creative destruction that feeds the capitalist system. Prime Minister Chernomyrdin and Mr. Gerashchenko underscored this to me in conversacions here in Davos, where they addressed Western husiness leaders at the annual World Economic Forum.

Both insistently denied to their

audiences that they were anti-re-form. They said the departure of younger economists like former Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov from Mr. Yeltsin's government do not signify retreat from a free market economy. But when I pressed them separately for definioons of the clusive word "reform," a fuller and less reassuring picture of their intentions emerged.

They agree on essentials and persuasively argue that they are doing exactly what Mr. Yelisin wants them to do — avoiding massive un-employment and further sharp de-gradation of the Russian standard of living, even though that means continuing loose monetary policy and high inflation.

Both Viktors emphasized in our talks the urgent need to invest more in factories so that jobs will be proBy Jim Hoagland

tected and more goods will be produced. Currency stability and inflation rates were only one part of the picture and had been overemphasized by the departed reformers, "who not only left but also left their mess behind for us to clean up," Mr.

Gerashchenko told me. The central bank head is to the reformers the devil incarnate. He pumps out rubles on demand to meet factory payrolls and government spending. Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt clearly had Mr. Gerashchenko in mind when he told the Davos conference that the big danger in Russia no longer comes from the finger poised on the nuclear launch button but from "the finger on the buttoo of the Russian money printing machine."
In person, Mr. Gerashchenko is a

far less menacing presence, speak-ing soft, heavily accented English and repeatedly emphasizing his concern for Russian citizens who have been devastated by the aston-ishing combination of prices shooting up while the production of

goods plummets.
"We need a market-oriented society but with some kind of social system in protect the people," he said. "By reform I mean efforts to said. "By retorm I mean extorts to create a society in which the produc-tion of different types of goods the population would like to have would be encouraged by economic means, not by administrative decisions." Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin tried something like this in the mid-70s but was blocked, Mr. Gerashchenko noted with regret.

Mr. Chernomyrdin, who turns out to be far more engaging and alert than his stolid, apparatchik-like exterior suggests, also insisted that jobs and production - not money supply - were the keys both to economic recovery and to Mr. Yeltsin's fate. He emphasized his decade-long association with and loyalty to the Russian president in conversation over dinner.

This is all an enormous step backward from Milton Friedman and Margaret Thatcher, patron saints for the departing Russian reform-ers. It is also a step back in time to Mr. Gorbachev's final year in office, when the last Soviet leader. talked reform to get money from abroad but practiced retreachment at home. "We are back in the late Gorbachev period, telling the West you must send money not to make things better but to keep things from getting worse and to keep the monsters from taking over." said one disillusioned Russian here. "What is awful is that this time it is true."

The return to a Gorba-esque pat-tern will be confirmed if, as I hear, departed Finance Minister Fyodorov soon accepts an appointment as economic adviser to Mr. Yeltsin. He will talk to the West while the two Viktors run the economy.

Soviet workers used to joke that the government pretended to pay them and so they pretended to work. Today the West pretends to provide aid to Mr. Yelism's Russia, which pretends to reform. It is a matter of

keeping up appearances.
One word describes the economic situation over which the two Viktors preside in Russia today and the aidreform equation between Russia and the West: "untenable." Cataclysmic change is in the cards for Russia in the next 12 months if Mr. Yeltsin tries to muddle through the same predicament that did in his predecessor in the Kremlin

The Washington Post.



Russian roulette.

Russia at the Top Table, Eastern Europe in NATO

D AVOS, Switzerland — Grigori Yavlinsky, the 41-year-old economist who broke with both Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin when they rejected his radical reforms, says the entire Russian parliament now is in the opposition, "It is a constructive opposition," be adds, a paradox that both pro- and anti-government Russians at the World Economic Forum here accepted.

There is a peculiar perverse optimism among Russian leaders now. A wide sample of them turned up here, including Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, but oot the ranting belligerent Viadimir Zhirinovsky. They all seemed to agree that things will continue getting worse before they get better, and that this is somehow salutary. Mr. Yavlinsky, who is running hard for president in as American a style as he can manage, expects tremendous mistakes from the govern-

ment that will turn the electorate around. Boris Fyodorov, who finally quit as finance stop the central bank from running the rubleprinting press nonstop, agrees, although Mr. Yavlinsky calls him a mere "quasi-reformer."

An estimated S1 billion fled the country in

January when the oew government tacked away from reforms, but that, too, was taken as a good sign, showing that the Russian financial market is functioning well enough to respond sharply to bad news. "Bad policy should produce crises." said Anders Aslund, the Swedish expert who resigned as an economic adviser.

Prime Minister Chernomyrdin was said to be shocked at the Western reaction to the changes, and that, too, provoked inexpicable hope. By Flora Lewis

Meanwhile, President Boris Yeltsin, who pushed through a constitution concentrating power in his hands, simply sulks. He's too moody to act until be's desperate, Mr. Aslund said.

In short, Moscow is in a mess, It is a mistake to think that there is much method in the push and sbove going on, and therefore that there is a clear line, a defined group, or even an active personality for the West to support. The reformers, who have the best claim for Western backing, are

obsessed with the classic bickering of Russian intellectuals and are oot even pulling together.

Whether from conviction, political pressure or tactics, the one thing everybody argues now, including Foreign Minister Andrea Kozyrev (long attacked for being the West's poodle), is that Russia must pay more attention to its "naai micresis. tous is a way or sayin try to restore decisive influence on the former Soviet republics, the "near abroad."

The way it is being done, this is renewed empire building. The Ministry of Defense is said to be in control of foreign policy regarding the "near abroad," destabilizing recalcitrant republies so as to become the only potential stabilizing force. Mr. Kozyrev, with his new harder line on Russian interests, is trying to grab back control for the Foreign Ministry.

Given the deeply integrated structure of the ex-Soviet economy and the light of its militaryindustrial managers for survival, it is neither surprising nor unreasonable that efforts should

done with a very heavy hand.

The West cannot endorse this approach on the grounds of saving President Yeltsin or reform, for reasons of principle and because the resentments provoked means that the approach cannot be maintained without coercion. But neither can the West wash its hands of Russia's troubles. The

stakes are too high.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has come up with the useful idea of giving Russia permanent membership among the Group of Seven industrial states, really the world's board of directors, on political issues, while keeping economic leadership to themselves. But this should be done only as a tracle-off for promising future NATO membership to Eastern Europe. In that way, Russia would not be excluded from the top table, but it would not have a veto on its neighbors' search for safety. The international system is at a crossroads, as

in need of bo tion as it was after World War II. But the existing institutions all have specific. limited functions - military, trade, monetary, etc. - and are oot equipped to put it all together in a geopolitical strategy. That concept of fitting

things together was produced in the minds of the leaders half a century ago.

In the absence of such imaginative leaders now, the fitting needs to be institutionalized, and the Group of Seven, or Group of Eight, has the flexibility to do it if the wish is there. We cannot wait for the Russians to sort themselves out; they

are bogging down. The West must take the lead.

Plora Lewis.

Gerry Adams: Optimistically Into the Irish Dark

BELFAST — Gerry Adams is something of a mystery. His Falls Road enclave in West Belfast is row on row of diminutive red-brick bouses cleaved together, his flock 100,000 or so Catholics. And his calling in recent mouths has been a series of talks with an old ideological caemy, the Irish politician John Hume.

with the aim of bringing about a "lasting peace" in Northern Ireland. Mr. Adams, oresident of the political wing of the Irisb Republican Army, was to attend a conference on Northern Ireland in New York this Tuesday, the Clinton administration having swallowed its rejuctance to grant him a visa.

Bringing about or even commencing on a lasting peace in Ireland is not an easy task. Behind Mr. Adams must lurk not only the memory but the reality of the last peace process, bammered out by Michael Collins in 1922, whereby the six counties of Northern Ireland were severed from the 26 in the Republic, a matter that led to a bloody civil war and caused Mr. Collins to say be had signed his own death warrant - as indeed be had, ambushed not long after in his

naove County Cork in a place tenderiv called the Mouth of the Flowers. Whereas Michael Collins was outgoing and swashbuckling. Gerry Adams is thoughtful and reserved a lithe, handsome man with a native formality. Given a different incarnation in a different century, one could imagine him as one of those monks

transcribing the gospe's into Gaelic.
While the Fails Road faithful warm to the Sinn Fein office daily for advice, he attracts hile and revulsion from many other quarters. When Prime Minister John Major utters his name in the House of Com-

mons, he cannot conceal his loathing. and on television and in newspapers Mr. Adams is depicted as a chilling and inscrutable figure. The reason is twofold First and despite his rigorous denials, it is assumed that he is at the center of all

IRA military strategy. Second, friends

and enemies alike regard him as a man of unswerving determination. Now in his mid-40s, he was interned in his early 20s and remained in jail for nearly five years, writing a column for a Republican newspaper in which he was prescient enough to By Edna O'Brien

foresee the necessity of welding the armed and the political struggle.

The bearings, the white noise, the torture, the botched attempts at escape the deaths, the coffins he has carried (including recently, and to the wrath of the world, the coffin of an IRA bomber who blew up a Shankill Road chip shop, killing nine Protestants and himself) — all that has made Mr. Adams the formidable figure be is. One feels that be has gone into the

dark and recognized it as his metier. It is not that he is discourteous or without wit. He described to me with droll humor a farce-like scenario involving false beards and leather jackets for an escape scheme that was quickly foiled because his took-alike happened to be six inches shorter than he, causing a warder to remark, "One minute I was looking up at Adams and the oext minute I was looking down."

No, be is happy to talk. But, like the steel grills that guard his office (a Unionist guarant recently gained entrance under a false pretext and shot three people dead before killing himself), he puts up a kind of psychological grill that gives him the aloofness often found in charismatic leaders. His hero is Nelson Mandela. No doubt, in his journey from vinlence to

the negotiating table he sees parallels. As for a private life, be says he guards it "jeakously." He has reason to. Not long ago a grenade was thrown into his househis wife and son were lucky to escape -and when be made a rare appearance 18 months ago in the center of Belfast, at a court hearing, he was

shot several times as he walked out to lunch and barely escaped death. There is something balllingly calm about him a studiousness, too, as one is admitted to his tiny office. He is putting the finishing touches to a speech be will give, asking again that John Major clarify certain vital matters in the Downing Street declaration of Dec. 15, in which Dublin and London announced that they had reached a "framework for peace.

nness, he asks, "How will it make things different for us?" He is all too aware that James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Uninnist Party, has said, "There is

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nothing in it for Nationalists," and that the Ulster Defense Association has published a document outlining its own scenario for an ethnic cleansing of Ulster — using some Catholics as pawns and allowing for "nullification" of others to reduce demands on food supplies.

ing that "the process could be finished within one-two weeks." To conceive of such a plan is one thing, but to publish it can mean only that the UDA hopes to good the IRA into greater bursts of violence.

The document ends merrily by say-

Brave and colorful words were heard after the Downing Street declaration, but, as with many a peace process, there have been setbacks. Mr. Major says Mr. Adams's demand for clarifications is merely a cynical act to win further concessions. But "concessions" is too opaque a term in this context, because any child would un-derstand that the issue is the ultimate late of Ulster: whether it is to remain in the United Kingdom or not.

Mr. Adams, for his part, wants the British government to start to "per-Umonists that assimilation with the Republic is the only way forward. It would be a gargant task to get any prime minister to undertake such a job of persuasion — doubly so for Mr. Major, who depends on the Unionist vote in the House of Commons and who said at the recent Conservative Party conference, "We are all Conservatives here,

we are all Unionists here." I believe that Mr. Adams does want to see an end to violence. Asked on a radio program in Dublin last week whether he had moved forward from his 1983 statement that armed struggle was necessary and morally correct, he replied, "Absolutely," But the path is strewn with obsta-

cles, political and psychological, There is the Protestant hard-liner lan Paisley saying. "We're not in the business of getting anyone to talk to Gerry Adams about anything. And other Unionists proposing that Mr. Adams be put in quarantine "to be decontaminated." And Catholics, North and South, who are tired, weary and ashamed of the 25 years of bloodshed and brutality, all wanting him to settle, settle.

There is, too, the specter of a feud within the Provisional IRA, with the former president of Sinn Fein, Rusiri O Bradaigh — who was ousted by Mr. Adams and younger bloodssaying on television that Mr. Adams and his colleague Martin McGuin-ness were "damaged goods" for having entertained the idea of peace talks

For Mr. Adams, caught between these manifold realities, there cannot be a sound night's sleep. Asked what he thinks about when he lies awake at night, he replies, forlowly, "To get back to sleep."

Yet surprisingly, he remains optimistic, calling the peace process an irreversible thrust." His task, knife-edged, requires acumen, good fornine, a Job-like sto-icism and a miraculous touch for hauling the people out of the morass of mistrust, hatred and paranois on both sides of the divide.

The writer, whose next novel will be "House of Splendid Isolation," contributed this comment to The New

Given the weakness of Miss Bhutto's government, it is unlikely to want to address the Afghan problem pared to help, among other things by leaning on its Saudi friends. But international involvement should give Pakistan the strength of mind to cooperate with Uzbekistan and any other willing neighbors to impose a peace, seizing the arms stockpiles and withdrawing succor from the

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Perishable Books PARIS -- M. Delisle, principal librarian at the Bibliothèque Nationale,

warns us that our modern biterature is destined to perish. Of the 2,000 and odd volumes published annually in France, not one, he thinks, will remain after a certain time. Old-fashioned paper, made from rags, has stood the test of hundreds of years, as the many fine specimens of histeenth-century printing show. Newadays, however, paper is made of all sorts of material of a more or less perishable character. In particular, as M. Defiale points out, books printed on paper made from wood pulp soon begin to rot away.

1919: Grasping in Europe PARIS - Macedonia was long looked upon as the very last word in politico-ethnological confusion. It has even furnished the names for a fruit salad that is the acme of gastro-

nomic anarchy. But Macedonia now

has a serious rival in Central Europe,

nians and Serbians, Hungarians and Czechs are disputing, when not actu-ally fighting, about territorial claims. Acting on the principle that possession is nine points of the law, each of the rival groups is trying to forestall the decisions of the Peace Conference by getting a grip on covered areas.

on soil approximately as close to To-kio as the Japanese were to the conf-nental United States on the day of the sneak attack, Dec. 7, 1941.

Central Asia At Risk in Afghanistan

By Philip Bowring

D AVOS, Switzerland — Afghanistan is often viewed as yesterday's war, of little consequence to anyone but the unfortunate Afghans. That perception is dangerously wrong. Unless the various parties who at various times fueled the flames of the conflict make a concert. ed effort to douse them, Afghanistan may cease to exist. The fallout for stability in Central Asia would be immense, and could have a knock-on

effect in both West and South Asia. Regional tensions over Alghanistan surfaced here in Davos on Sunday at a panel discussion involving Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Paristan and the presidents of Uzbeki-stan, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Turk-menistan. The four were there to talk about regional economic coopera-tion, of which there has been a considerable amount, especially involving the four Turkic countries.

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But Uzbekistan's robust president, Islam Karimov, took Miss Bhutto to task for suggesting that Islamic fundamentalism was not a problem in the region. He demanded that the the region. He demanded that the United Nations pay much more attention to the Afghan problem, and subsequently made clear that he viewed Pakistan, whose prime minurister still talks about Afghanistan as having been "liberated," as a stumbling block to institute the United Nations of to involving the United Nations di-rectly in the Alghan situation.

That may be unfair. Pakistan may have done more than most in the past to fan the flames, but it has made efforts to bring some of the warring parties, in particular Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and President

Gulbuddin Hekmaiyar and President Burhanuddin Rabbani, together.

Meanwhile, Uzbekistan has been maintaining relations with the Uzbek warlord in Afghanistan, former Communist General Rashid Dostum, currently in an improbable alliance of convenience with Mr. Hekmaiyar. General Dostum controls large parts of the north of the country bordering

on Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. on Uzbekistan and Trukmenistan, Mr. Karimov, also a reformed Com-munist, has plenty of evidence from neighboring and chaotic Tajikistan that the forces of fundamentalist dis-ruption are formidable and have roots stretching back not just to Afghani-stan's various factions but to Pakistan and altimately to Saudi Arabian and

Libyan money and moral support.
Mr. Karimov's position is important. He remains close to Moscow and makes no bones about his belief: that Russia is the guarantor of stability in Central Asia — as indeed has been the case in Tajikistan. But he presides over what is not only the most populous of Central Assun states but also the most coherent eth-

nically - 70 percent of the 22 million people are Uzbeks. In any breakup of Alghanistan tries would end up with the pieces -Pakistan getting the biggest slice in terms of population, and Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Iran the rest. But that is a recipe for upsetting the already delicate balance of Pakistan, and for

wholesale redrawing of Central Asian boundaries on ethnic lines. Alghanistan may no longer have its raison d'être as buffer state between British and Russian empires and between Communist and non-Communist worlds. But it is not in the interest of any of the neighbors, with the possible exception of fundamentalist Iran, to want to see the demise of a multiethnic and predomi-

nantly secular state. That is what will happen if this war soes on until the arms stocks left by sian and Western intervention are exhausted. It will be too late to

put Afghanistan back together. The issue is important economically as well. The Central Asian states have resources and reasonably educated populations, but suffer the tyranny of distance from the outside world. Rail and road links to east and west are being improved, but the closest sea is the Indian Ocean, via Aighanistan. Pakistan has a big interest in becoming a gateway to Central Asia for business from the rest of Asia, but while Afghanistan is unsta-

ble, nothing can happen.

The situation can seem hopeless. vigorously unless the West is prewarlords. It can be done.

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OPINION

Cheating the Institutions A Society Needs Most

By Richard Harwood

presidency of Harvard University in 1991, he spent a year at Stanford writing a book: "The Cost of Talent." It is a study of who earns

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what and why. "What is one to make of a world," he writes, "in which mod-ern communication allows a Madonna to earn tens of millions of dollars, while a rock group, New Kids on the Block, with claims to enduring musical distinction that are tenuous at best, receives over one bundred million dollars in a

single two-year period?" By my calculations, the payroll for just two football teams — the Washington Redskins and the San

Pay scales in America fill schools, government and social agencies with mediocrities — though they are at the front line in the battle against.... crime, unemployment and eroding values.

Francisco 49ers - is greater than the salaries of the Clinton cabinet, the president, the vice president and all the members of Congress combined. Super Bowl benchwarmers are paid more than the

"Economists," says Mr. Bok, will respond that if we do not let the market decide matters of compensation, who will? Yet even if no better alternative comes to mind, thoughtful people will look upon the results, not with comprehension and respect, but with bewil-

dered disbelief." Mr. Bok's real concerns are not with fontball players and entertainers whose enormous incomes can be rationalized (if not justified) in supply and demand terms. His focus is on the career choices of America's most talented college students. Lured by big money, "the best and the brightest" have been drawn increasingly to law, medicine and corporate careers rather than to teaching, government, the ministry and other occupations

with a public service cachet. From 1970 to 1990 only I percent of the top students in the clite private colleges and only I percent of those elected to Phi Beta Kappa" chose to teach in public schoolst About the same numbers chose case (7) a year at public school administers in the federal government, traings often are public school administers in the federal government, traings often are paid more than it.

ed for business, law or medicine The number of medical school graduates doubled from 1960 to 1990, the number of law school ues quintupled and the number of lawyers in the country more: than tripled - from 247,000 to 757,000. Equally dramatic was the bloating of business school carell-6,500 MBAs were awarded in 1971 and 73,000 in 1989. Undergraduate degrees in business grew during those years from 115,000 to 246,000 annually.

We cannot justify the earnings of leading professionals merely by invoking the principles of market competition," Mr. Bok says, "Nor can we explain such high incomes by citing the need to induce able people to enter the profession and strive hard for success. The thousands of applicants each year who cannot gain admission to any school of law or medicine indicate that earnings in these professions are higher than a free market would allow."

WASHINGTON — When Top graduates can start at
Derek Bok retired from the \$60,000 a year at the big law firms.

MBAs are starting at \$35,000 to \$40,000. The average income of doctors is \$170,000 a year, with

some specialists earning far more. By academic standards, these graduates were the cream of the crop. Their average College Board scores in 1991 ranged from 1,157 to 1,222, compared with the mean of 873. Future elementary and secondary school teachers averaged 847. Only "public affairs" and home economics majors had lower scores.

Factors other than money obviously influence career choices: "the interest of the work involved - its intellectual challenge, the opportu-nities to be creative and exercise the kinds of people who will be your colleagues, the freedom to live by your own ethical values, the chance to help others." But money talks. In 1970, about 40 percent of the incoming college freshmen listed "being very well off financially" as a very important," goal By 1990 it was a goal of 75 percent of the freshmen. We see this in journalism; 75 percent of the people in our newsrooms, according to the American Society of per Editors, aspire to man-Newspaper Editors, aspire to man-agerial rather than writing and

The prestige of an occupation is a factor, too, and in that respect government service has suffered. substantially since the 1930s, when New Deal brain trusters set out to change the world, and since the change the world, and since the 1960s, when many of the "best and brightest" flocked to the New Frontier that beckoned in Wash ington. Today the image of public service is tarnished. Cynicism about politics, politicians and bureaucrats" is high; "trust in

government, is low.

The media have helped create these antitudes through constant disparagement of the competence and character of public employees and politicians. At the same time, not surprisingly, efforts to raise compensation levels to attract abler people to government and teaching are met with public resistance.

Still, some of the marketplace distortions that most disturb Mr. Bok and other critics seem to be moderating. The average salary of law firm associates — a majority of Ameriassociates—is \$72,000, which is less than many senior government officials are paid, lawyers included. College and university salaries are not stratospheric but are reaching respectable levels — an average of \$80,280 a year for full professors at large private universities and \$63,250 a year at public universi-

classroom teachers are in the \$50,000-plus range: mainted with what passes for af-mence; salaries of \$60,000 to

\$100,000 a year are common on large newspapers, where editors sometimes earn a good deal more than the average neurosurgeon.

But these numbers do not necessarily speak to the larger problem Mr. Bok sees: the diversion of the best minds from the needs and opportunities of public service.

Affoat in a sea of social problems ranging from education to crime, deremployment and an erosion intarian values; are we Americans filling with mediocrities the institutions we rely on to deal with those problems - schools, social and governmental agencies of every kind? Mr. Bok suggests as much. If he is right, we're in deeper trouble than we think:

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JOSH DAVIS.

East Asian Values

Regarding "The 10 Values That Undergird East Asian Strength and Success" (Opinion, Dec. 11) by Tommy Koh:

ered the wheel.

David Hoffman:

cord was signed.

Palestinian Deaths

The journalist includes statistics

on the number of Palestinians and

Israelis killed since the peace ac-

But no peace accord was signed, only a declaration of principles to lay the groundwork for a peace accord if all the conditions out-

lined in the declaration are met.

The report on the number of

Palestinians killed includes those

eliminated by Palestinian death squads as alleged collaborators

ians killed before, during or after terrorist attacks against Israelis?

Let Taiwan Be Taiwan

France and China announced last month that they would resum

friendly relations, after a year-long

chill precipitated by the sale of

French Mirage fighters to Taiwan.

The price for reconciliation was a

French government commitment to ban future sales of offensive

weaponry to Taiwan. The govern-

ment in Paris also affirmed that it

recognizes the People's Republic

as the sole legal government of

China, and Taiwan as an integral

part of Chinese territory." Certain-

ly this seems like a paltry price to

pay for lucrative subway projects,

building contracts and investment

timately, the price will be borne not by the French, but by the 21 million people of Taiwan.

If sovereignty over Taiwan is to

be accorded to the government that

has exercised de facto rule over the

island, then the PRC claim to Tai-

wan is weakened. Since the estab-

opportunities in China. Because ul-

FAY DICKER

Brooklyn, New York.

The author offers what he believes are 10 "East Asian" values that are needed for a "better world." Several of them require a response: It is ludicrous to assert that in Western societies, the individual "puts his interests above all others" and is unable to "balance his interests with those of family and society." This is belied by the facts;

Millions of Western families struggle to put their children through school; individuals work cooperatively in companies, and pay taxes for the benefit of society - just as their Asian counterparts do. The fact that Western legal systems up-hold the sanctity of the individual against state tyranny does not mean that individuals are isolated from families and communities.

Divorce rates are low in some Asian countries (although they are rising rapidly) in part because of inherent biases in divorce laws which regularly award custody of children and material wealth held jointly by the couple to the male, regardless of the circumstances of the divorce. Many women in Japan, Taiwan and the rest of Asia live in loveless marriages.

Asian value; many Westerners also

consider it a virtue. Many Asians are waking up to the cheap sensation of having been swindled as they discover that the governments they have voted for year after year were curaged in systematic corruption. Recent sweeping electoral changes in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, and the appearance of new splinter parties, have sent a powerful message to bloated and decrepit political parties that corruption will not be tolerated.

A "morally wholesome environment"? Many Asian governments like to pretend that pornography and prostitution are distinctly Western. What a fairy tale.

Free press? A journalist is arrested in Singapore for publishing an economic growth-rate statistic that was deemed a "state secret." Press responsibility is a code phrase used

hishment of the People's Republic in to prohibit the publishing of criti-cism of governing powers.

1949, the Beijing government has never played a role in the political or ft is certainly true, as Mr. Koh economic affairs of Taiwan. concludes, that there is much to be In this century, Taiwan has evolved from an agricultural colony to an industrialized democracy. admired about the countries of East Asia and that they offer many lessons for Western nations. Mr. Compared with the bloody and Koh, however, has not rediscovtraumatic political transformations of other countries, Taiwan is a shining model. After 38 years of martial law, the people of Taiwan peacefully toppled an authoritar-ian regime and built a multiparty democracy in its place. In 1992, the Regarding "6 Killed as Israeli-PLO Violence Flares" (Jan. 15) by Taiwanese elected their own par-

liament for the first time. Countries that criticize China for torturing its people, practicing genocide in Tibet, and suppressing democracy in Hong Kong for some reason accept Beijing's demand that Taiwan and China be unified. Countries eager to appease China for economic, diplomatic or geopo-litical reasons parrot the ill-founded claim that Taiwan is part of China. The world ignores the voice of the Taiwanese. But by endorsing Beijing's claim on Taiwan, govern ("alleged" because no trials were held). Why no mention of Palestin-

ments exacerbate the problem. MAYSING YANG. PHYLLIS HWANG.

A South African Friend

Assassinated! It was not the sort of news you expect to hear about someone you know. Patford Shuma, personal assistant to the deputy general secretary of the African National Congress, had been killed while he waited at a bus stop.

Patford had been a student of mine, a recent graduate of Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, and a grateful friend of Canada. He had been forced to flee South Africa for political reasons. 1 first met Patford in September 1991 when he enrolled in my inter-

national relations and comparative politics courses. We developed a quiet friendship, and the day he quiet inendship, and the day he received his newly minted South African passport — his ticket home — he shared his joy with me. He had been away from his wife and child for three years.

He lived to be reunited with them. And he lived to see a date set for South Africa's first nonracial election. He lived to see apartheid officially eliminated. His brutal death must not obscure the precious victories of a brief lifetime.

LAWRENCE T. WOODS. Prince George, British Columbia.

The Kind and the Caring Outnumbered the Rest

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By A. M. Rosenthal

groups of people, the center of life now is not a house or apartment or place of work. It is an open field somewhere in Los Angeles.

The men and women made homeless in the 30 seconds of the Jan. 17 earthquake wait in those scattered fields or in park mead-

MEANWHILE

ows, worrying through their waking hours about whatever will happen to them and their children now that their address is nothing but a number painted on a tent.

That is one group - refugees in their own city, a couple of miles from what was home. Moving and working among them are other men and women come not out of need but out of their own sense of purpose — the volunteers. They distribute food and water, soft toys to children, and to the parents their

special gift — respect.

Some come in the vans of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army or the Seventh Day Adventists. Some just drive up in their own cars, ask how they can he most useful and set to it. Walking around, listening and talking. I felt that to the ear the volunteers had an unusual tone: They spoke without a note of burry or trace of rasp in their voices.

Then, as I drove away, another voice of Los Angeles came over the radio — the high, shrill tone of hatred from callers to a talk show. The callers screamed their anger and contempt about the tent people. Sometimes they said they were angry because the refugees were "illegal" immigrants taking money from American taxpayers, "What the hell is going on in this country?" one woman shouted and then thought-

fully gave her telephone number. But through the calls and the nasty talk of a few local poblicians ran not obsession with illegalities but with foreigners themselves meaning Mexicans and other Hispanics in California. The earth-quake and the care needed by the bomeless gave them the chance to spew it all out, louder and fouler.

I had been trying to find out for myself whether the terrible shock of the earthquake somehow had changed people - made them kinder, meaner, more considerate

or less, anything or nothing. In that field on Winnetka Avenue and in the car and all through the visit I realized that although the earthquake had not altered the personalities or basic attitudes of people who went through it, it did bring out so much of what was

TOS ANGELES - For two already in them that it made a difference in their lives and the lives of those whom they touched. They seemed to become "more - more compassionate if they had compassion in them, more an-

gry if it was hate that had filled Some shopkeepers showed up at tent camps to distribute bottled water and batteries for flashlights.

They had not done that kind of thing before, relief work. Other shopkeepers raised prices on things like bottled water and

batteries. To them it seemed the natural thing to do. The Los Angeles Times ran a study showing that the homes left by the tent people remained truly dangerous. But the cynical, cher-

ishing their cynicism, insist that the reason the refugees stay away from home is "supersution" - meaning unconquerable foreignness. I beard stories of the homeless sharing food stamps with people even worse off. And I read stories of food-stamp swindlers. I heard

endless recitations against stupid housing inspectors. But one newspaperman bad a sense of courtesy and gratitude in him. He wrote a public thank-you to an inspector he had once cursed out for insisting that he spend an extra \$12,000 to bolster his house

against earthquakes, an order that saved his home on Jan. 17. Some people gave in deeper to the despair to which they had sur-rendered for so long. Others told more jokes. In Santa Monica a storekeeper looked at his stock and decided he had on his hands not disaster but a bargain for the wise "Sale: Earthquake-Damaged

Bike Liquidation." But the balance sheet shows more bravery than eowardice, more government efficiency than sloppiness. More people found more kindness in themselves than more nastiness. The people shouting hatred at foreigners will go on doing so; the earthquake made it easier. But in the field on Winnetka Avenue the volunteers seem much more important these days, just doing their work of distributing

water and respect. The New York Times.

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BOOKS

TOO MARVELOUS FOR WORDS: The Life and Genius of Art Tatum

By James Lester. 240 pages. \$25. Oxford.

Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

RT TATUM was a jazz pia-A nist who, like many others among the clite of that music, preferred to be thought of simply as a musician, one who was, in Duke Ellington's signature phrase, beyound category. The record—and the recordings—suggest that he was right. In the most literal sense of the term, he was sui generis.
"Tatum was there to define the limits of the possible." James Lester writes in "Too Marvelous for Tatum was first and foremost a

him seems to have recognized. In a remarkably perceptive pas-Lester writes that "the clearest light can be thrown on Tatum . . . if we see him as a displaced person, a it we see mm as a displaced person, a kind of outsider, keeping alive an old tradition (piano virtuosity) in an alien country (jazz). The virtuosity was nothing less than breathtaking. Oscar Peterson, who knows a thing or two about the bravura, heard a Tatum recording as a child and said, Who are those two guys? José Iturbi said: "Fie can play what I can play but I cannot play what he can play." Fats Waller said: "When that man turns on the powerhouse, don't no one play him down. He sounds like a brass band."

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Words," as everyone who heard soloist. He played and recorded with groups of various sizes, but he was happiest — and best — when playing by himself. In part that was because no one else could keep up with him; in larger part it was because his music was self-contained requiring no one except himself to give it full expression.

He was born in 1909 in Ohio, into a black family of modest prosperity; his father was a mechanic of some sort, and he had regular and steady employment during most of Art's and "the Tatums were a solid and church-going family," Lester writes. Tatum started playing the piano early, which was remarkable in itself but doubly so because he was partially blind. On this, too, A brass band of one, that is.

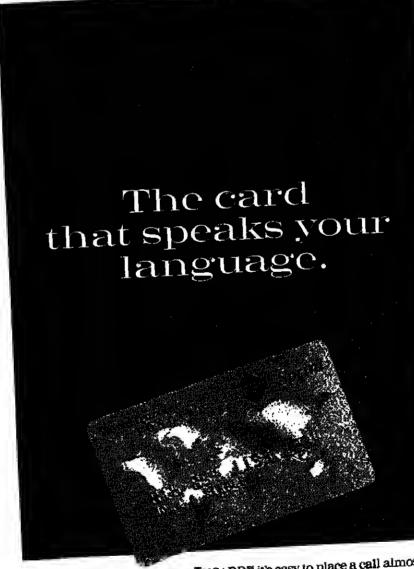
Almost alone in the history of jazz,
Tatum was first and foremost a blind, Tatum would have been fated

to marginal employment had it not been for jazz, within which "he could improvise a career, make a career out of improvising invent a path for himself, take advantage of fast-changing musical developments, and even influence the course of those developments."

To be sure in Tatum's case as in so many others, jazz gave and jazz took away. On the one hand it provided a place where a brilliant but essentially unlettered musician could give his gifts full expression; on the other it was the ground in which he was invited to sow the seeds of his own destruction. He was a prodigious, Herculean boozer to whom a bottle of Scotch with a case of Pabst Blue Ribbon as chaser was all in a day's pleasure he died in 1956 at the age of 47.

His great fortune - or, more accurately, ours - was not merely that his life coincided with the birth of jazz, but that jazz coincided with the birth of sound recording Jazz being, as has often been said, in large measure a music of the moment, Tatum was permitted by recordings to leave a legacy that only couple of generations before would have been beyond his reach or anyone else's.

What Lester has written is biography more in form than in fact, since so many particulars of Tatum's life have been lost, yet he manages to capture what seems the essence of the man; a good, decent fellow whose entire existence revolved around the music it was his fate and genius to make. Among the space of jazz biographies that have been inflicted upon us in recent years, "Too Marvelous for Words" stands out from the crowd. Just like Art Taum.



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STAGE/ENTERTAINMENT

'The Skriker': Tripping Into the Unknown

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribuni

ONDON - Let's at least try to make some sense of the title: Caryl Churchill's "The Skriker" (at the Cottesloe) is a malevolent spirit capable of changing character and shape as it time-travels across the centuries

seeking love or revenge or enlightenment. Here, as played by Kathryn Hunter in a bravura turn, she can emerge from the innards of a sofa, disguise berself as a beggar or a wealthy American socialite, cause coins and toads to drop from the mouths of her

So what is "The Skriker" actually about? Clearly it's a performance piece rather than Mike Cullen's "The Cut" (at the Bush). This a play, and clearly Churchill does bave a is a powerful coal-face thriller that also manmessage in there somewhere, if only ahout the power of the imagination. There are ballets, cocktail parties, scenes in a madadecade ago, this is the story of the man who bouse, all written in a language that suggests an unholy alliance between James Joyce and Spike Milligan. Sentences ramble on into entire acts, there's a subplot involving two girls in a clinic, one of whom may bave murdered the other's baby, and

would I suspect, not bave made it much further than a studio-workshop improvisanion for advanced students of drama and/or psychiatry. As it is, Les Waters gives it a

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mesmeric National staging, one that implies that the whole affair could well be a druginduced bad dream or a psychedelic trip into the dramatic unknown.

We are on very much firmer ground, or rather several hundred feet beneath it, with Mike Cullen's "The Cut" (at the Bush). This a decade ago, this is the story of the man who was killed by a rock hurled from a motorway hridge, or, more accurately, of what then could have happened to his killer.
Fictional with a factual basis, Cullen's

play explores a murder and a cover-up and a betrayal, all the while with one eye on the through it all lurches and weaves and cack-les the Skriker herself, a death portent, and the other on the aftermath of the most

force their own discipline, fatal to those who fail to understand or obey it.

Like the courtroom of "Twelve Angry Men" or the hattleship of "The Caine Mutiny," the pit offers the perfect closed, clausophohic environment in which to examine human behavior at its most basic, and what Cullen gives us is a cross-section of mining types: There's the loyal worker, the traitor, company man, the one with his eye on the future even if that future does seem not worth the candle. This is a grainy, gritty murder thriller that also goes way further than most toward explaining just what did happen down in the mines to speed their collapse and closure.

At the Greenwich is a joyous revival of Jeremy Sams's 1992 award-winning revival of "Schippel the Plumber," the musical com-edy about the downmarket laborer joining an upmarket chamber quartet, which the late C. P. Taylor carved out of Carl Sternheim's

place of a savage 1913 satire on German morality, and it is not a pretty sight.

ancient and damaged, but also as everyoung as Puck or Peter Pan.

Had Caryl Churchill not been the author of "Top Girls" or "Cloud Nine," this one

violent period in mining history. This is a tough account of one man's murder and the whole Scargill industry's collective suicide. The author worked in the mines for several bourgeois society. James Saxon's rotund, ioyears, and what he is telling us is that the pits vial plumber knows that there is no quartet without him and is therefore able to clamber up his own ladder to social acceptability. seeing princes and puritanical bureaucrats quake before his magnificent lungs. Lez Brotherston's production rightly goes all out

> At the Union Chapel in Islington, Daniel Abineri's "Bad Boy Johnny and the Prophets of Doom" has already brought down upon itself the wrath of the Catholic Church, though the show seems to me about as threatening to the Pope as "The Rocky Horror Show" was to Dracula.

In one back-to-basics leap we have re-turned to early Mary Whitehouse years, with rent-a-quote priests telephoned for comments on shows they have yet to see and drama critics set up as guardians of morality in churches they are unlikely to have visited before or since. All this is is a minor rock opera with a good score and a classic. "Bürger Schippel." bad book. Meanwhile, we have the British
This is gentle reading of the original: In
theater in one of its periodic fits of loony bad book. Meanwhile, we have the British



Abdel Rahman El Bacha is recording and performing Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas.

Rock's Hall of Fame, a Shrine to Nostalgia?

By Jon Pareles

EW YORK - This is really no time to be cynical about the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame. The building in Cleveland, so long in the planning stages, has been under construction since June: a chief curator who has strong credentials in documenting ongtime Rolling Stone editor), has

But the ninth annual induction ceremonies, which took place on Jan. 19 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, only made it clearer that the Hall of Fame will have difficulties rising above the tensions that are at the heart of rock music; between art and commerce, between rebellion and accommodation, between impetuous youth and established institutions.

At best, the hall will finally tell the story of late-20th-century music from a rockers' perspective. But younger fans may see it as one last attempt by baby boomers to impose their now outmoded aesthet-

The annual event always features public reconciliations; this year, Paul McCartney presented the hall's award for John Lennon's solo career to Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and their son, Sean, after he

had stayed away from the Beatles' induction in 1988, when he cited nusiness differences

McCartney has also patched things up with George Harrison and Ringo Starr, and the three plan to record together for a documen-tary on the Beatles. The induction ceremony, like the

Hall of Fame, tries to give rock some long-term memory, declaring that the music proceeds by evolution rather than revolution and that each generation reveres its predecessors - bey, no Oedipal conflict

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In its early years, the current stars presenting the awards would admit where they stole some of This year, performers were readtheir best licks; then the new members of the hall would gra-

ciously pretend they didn't resent other people cashing in on their original ideas. At the end, they would all perform together in an anarchic jam session, as if insisting that the music is a continuing tradition.

Lately, as the hall has begun to

HISTORY

This year, performers were read-ing lyrics off a TelePrompTer, so Axl Rose and Bruce Springsteen didn't need to memorize the non sequiture of Lennon's "Come Together," as millions of fans have. A sense of shared heritage dissolved into a pro forma tribute.

The hall's main mission is to create a rock canon: Here are its most important figures, its founding fathers (and a few foremothers). The produce its ceremony for eventual implicit promise is to create a nartelevision broadcast, the jam ses- rative of rock history that's differ-

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ent (and more significant) than a simple tally of the Top 10, that recognizes influential people whether or not they were hit mak-

But to do so, the hall had to assume that there were tributaries — blues, country, jazz, Tin Pan Alley, rhythm-and-hlues — run-ning into a well-defined main-stream, which the hall's choices

more contentious than that, some-times defining itself in opposition to pop (whatever that is), often running along many separate but par-allel tracks, generally succing at

tribalistic, not less. And the tribe that chooses members of the

boomers. Younger fans might wonder dio" tastes rather than honor rock's

At the Waldorf, the most youthful rocker on stage was Dave Pirner, 29, of Soul Asylum, who presented this year's award to The Animals, Groups that arrived in

ERHAPS it was merely an aberration — last year, Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder sang with the surviving members of The Doors - but it may also signify current rock's in-creasing lack of interest in any kind of rock pantheon. All the just a sample away; why act so reverent?

least 25 years was intended to shield choices from current commercial fads, and for a while it worked; pioneers like Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, the Everly Brothers was the first to perform the feat on and Little Richard got what they

and some of this year's choices -Rod Stewart, Elton John — hon-ored continuing commercial visi-bility as much as overwhelming in-

Frank Zappa or George Clinton? With the Beatles already in the hall, does John Lennon need his own

But why should any working musician be so dannted by history that, he (or she) gives up in advance? A true rock Hall of Famer ought to blast away now, and let posterity

"My father was a professor of music and a composer in both Arab and Western traditions, and my mother was singer of both tradition-

would define year by year.

Actually, rock has always been

old fogies.
Lately it has been growing more Hall of Fame, a pool of musicbusiness and music-media people, seems to be dominated by wellmeaning but often myopie baby

whether the hall will simply institu-tionalize boomers' tame, "lite ranoise and icon-busting.

the 1990s were absent.

The hall's rule that its new mem-

But the longevity of rock careers means the 1960s are still with us,

Were The Animals really more important than eligible candidates like The Velvet Underground

Breaking Cultural Bounds

Beethoven and Arab-Western Tradition

By David Stevens

ARIS - Even in a fastchanging and disorderly world, crossing cultural boundaries is still a lot rarer than passing over geographical frontiers, although elective affinities and early training can make for exceptions.

Around midday last Sunday at the Théâtre du Châtelet, Abdel Rahman El Bacha reached the midway point in his encounter with one Vestern civilization's monumental bodies of work - Beethodrawn large and enthusiastic audiplete the cycle in four more next season. The French Forlane label has just issued the ninth and last bers must have been active for at compact disk of his recording of the vast Beethoven cycle.

> 35-year-old, Lebanon-born pianist unique, of course. Artur Schnabel records over several years in the early 1930s, before the labor-saving invention of the tape recorder. Al-fred Brendel is also again part of the way through the complete cycle in the concert hall, his second in Paris and umpteenth overall live and in the recording studio. But they are major exponents of the German school of pianism, and El Bacha comes from somewhere else, where culturally and by training this tradition is not so obvious.

He was born in 1958 in Beirut into a family of professional musi-cians of dual cultural background, so the anomaly is more apparent

mother was singer of both tradition-al and popular music," he recalled.

There was a public for Western whose intellectual rigor and aristo-music in Beirut, reinforced by events cratic style make him the most music in Beirut, reinforced by events like the Baalbek Festival."

El Bacha grew up with "a pas-sion for music" in both traditions. Attracted first to the violin, he switched his loyalties to the piano, beginning study on the keyboard at age 9 with Zvart Sarkissian, who had been a pupil of Marguerite Long and Jacques Février, two pillars of French pianism.

At 10 he gave his first concert with an orchestra and, having been encouraged by Claudio Arran, at 15 he gave a recital that attracted. such attention that he was offered study bourses by Britain, the Soviet ven's 32 piano sonatas. He has Union and France. Given Lebanon's cultural affinities with France and his own ea the choice was almost obvious. At the Paris Conservatoire he

studied piano with Pierre Sancan, but did not limit himself to the he vast Beethoven cycle.

This in itself does not make the conservatoire with four first prizes - piano, chamber music, harmony and counterpoint.

Then, in 1978, came the international launching pad, with a unani-mous victory and the Prix du Public in the Queen Elisabeth of Belgium Competition, one of the really prestigious events in a musical world seriously overcrowded with competitions. But it is easy to be swallowed up in frenctic concertizing after such a triumph, and El Bacha decided to withdraw for a few months from the concert scramble.

"I thought it was better to build my repertory and to reflect a bit," he said. "So I didn't take everything I was offered. I thought it was the best way to arrive at artistic maturity."

His interest in the chamber mu-sic and symphonic repertories and in composing has colored his ap-proach to performing, as have two particular pianistic models. Through recordings he learned to admire particularly Schnabel,

complete" of pianists. Another was Dinu Lipatti, the Romanian pianist whose death in 1950 at age 33 is. still mourned, and in whom El Bacha cited the "total transparency and equilibrium of aesthetic beauty

and expressive simplicity." FI Bacha has built a big receitory centered on the Viennese classics, but including also Chopin, Rachma-ninoff, Ravel and Prokofiev, whose percussive manner he finds tempered by lync warmth. Forthcomin sinclude one of solorRavel works (he has already recorded the two concertos) and one of Schumann, including the sonata called "Concerto Without Orchestra," for which he prepared his own version. His recordings have collected their share of awards.

E also married a French woman, and they live with their Paris exurbs. But although he has dual citizenship, his conversation suggests that he still lives in two worlds to a degree.

"I was born a Muslim, and my name has not made things easier, although I try to ignore that. "I have reflected a lot. I love Islam. Truth is eternal, but it manifests itself differently. Everyone needs his roots."

On the concert platform, the tall, reserved planist is all sobriety and near immobility. His French train-ing shows mostly in hands that stay close to the keys and in the clarity of his playing although he also seems to be able to get surprisingly ample tone when be needs it. On the other hand, his affinity for the German repertory is reflected in his un-

showy, structurally solid approach.
"After all, I suppose music is my country," he said.

Hard Times for Comics Festival

By John Rockwell
New York Times Service

NGOULEME, France - This proud city, a landmark in Roman and medieval Aquitaine, has in recent years become the comics capital of Europe. Its annual International Comics Festival, now in its 21st year, was blessed by the Pestval, now in its 21st year, was blessed by the Socialists, visited regularly by Jack Lang and once, in 1985, by President François Mitterrand. The Socialists even managed to build an imposing museum, the National Comics Center, with postmodernist architecture embracing the rains of a 19th-century paper mill.

But a visit to this year's festival revealed a curious blend of vitality, charm and anacironism. Though by now a recognized literary tradition in France — and worldwide, too, to judge by rampant sales in Japan and the Politzer Prize for Art Spiegelman's "Maus" - the comic book shows signs of age.

The festival began as a cozy get-together of comics artists, many of whom had been inspired hy American underground comics and the French student rebellion of 1968. It soon became institutionalized, however, and today offers prizes in various categories, display booths by the hundreds, back rooms for distribution and rights deals, private parties by comics publishers, a press center with forums and conferences, more conferences at the museum, exhibitions and homages all over town, film screenings, theatrical presentations and pop music.

The very weight of all these trappings, as well as the assumption of a chunk of the festival's \$2 million budget by a supermarket chain when the financially pressed city of Angouleme withdrew its support, has alienated some. One group of artists noisily withdrew this year, cit-

Such disgruntlement comes during a time of economic stagnation in comic-book sales in France — and, some fear, creative stagnation, although Angoulème officials deny that insistently. Reflecting the festival's institutional mindser, visitors were greeted this year with a blizzard of statistics, dutifully recycled in the special comics supplements that major French newspapers publish at this time each year.

Included was the unsurprising information that comics readers are mostly young but in-clude, depending on the genre, all ages. Also, that fammers tend to read fewer comics than anyone else. But the underlying stark fact is that sales and publications are down. In a Le Moode article entitled "Malaise in the Ninth Art"—this being the customary if grandiose way of referring to comics better the film and television the customary is a compared to the comment of seventh and eighth — new publications in 1993 were noted as down 23 percent from 1991.

This decline has a lot to do with the recession, to be sure, especially since French comics are mostly "graphic novels" issued in handsome hard-cover albums that cost \$10 to \$15. But it may also reflect the failure of the comics industry and of its Angoulème forum to keep abreast of video games and interactive computer pro-grams, which aren't reflected here at all.

Jean-Paul Coumont, the festival's director, stressed in an interview that the festival wished to preserve its slightly clubby status. Or boys' clubby: The majority of the serious comics readers in France are male, as is the vast majority of the artists, which no doubt explains the Barbarella-style pouty eroticism of so many of the female characters (overtly erotic comics are

a big business in France).
"It is necessary to be very careful," Commont said, carefully. "We are a little family. If we

ing "the fact that the festival has become prodi-giously commercialized." attempted to develop the festival, to explore new media, we would have to be very prudent

not to antagonize the artists."

One success at this year's festival was a Danish-Belgian production of a classic graphic novel, "Eva," by the Belgian Didier Comes. Mimed to recorded sound effects and French voice-overs, which effectively replaced the speech halloons of the comics original, the states speech balloons of the comics original, the stage version proved a truly ingenious rendering of Comes's black-and-white, erroreally charged tale of a mini-skirted ingenue who falls into the clutches of incestnously linked male and female

Still, like the Angouleme festival itself, the translation to the stage seemed as much a reversion to the past as a breakthrough to the foture. What makes comics on the page retain. their power is their invitation to the reader's imagination, a space for quasi-interactive cre-ativity that animated films, interactive video, and live action all deny.

That seid, the future is not all gloomy for the Angoulème festival. Although the new, conservative Minister of Culture, Jacques Tonbon, has not yet visited, he seems content to contin-

has not yet visited, he seems content to cominue his support.

"I have the feeling that the right has accepted."
Socialist cultural policies," said Gerard Lanzier, the president of this year's jury and the
winner of its grand prize last year. "After all,
culture was one of the few successes of the left."
Even Angoulème's insistence on the printed
page may prove a strength, or so Commont
hopes. Books have hardly been climinated by
films and television, despite gloomy predictions. Despite Angoulème's resistance to the
new and its tawdry commerciality, maybe this
festival knows what it is doing, after all: celefestival knows what it is doing, after all refe-brating an art form that has been challenged by new technologies, but can never be fully re-placed by them.

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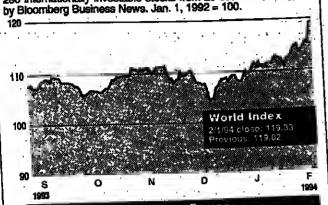


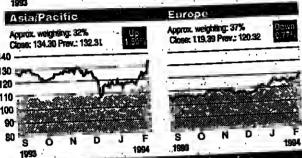
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EU Warns Of Aid Cut For Steel

Goal Is to Slash **Output Capacity**

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Commission threatened Tuesday to cancel hundreds of millions of dollars of restructuring aid to private steelmakers and open up the European market to greater imports unless the companies present plans for hig cuts in production capacity within two months.

Industry Commissioner Martin Bangemann said the aid promised by the European Vision has been

by the European Union has been approved only through the end of March. Although that date can be extended, he made clear that it would require concrete plans from industry to do so.

EU aid "all depends on a clear-cut perspective of laying off of ca-pacity," Mr. Bangemann said. The warning came as Karel van

Miert, the competition commis-sioner, expressed pessimism about prospects for completing a restruc-turing plan, which already has been delayed about five months.

Speaking at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Mr. van Miert said, We

could not get the necessary cooperation from governments and from the steel sector itself." He said he would meet with Eurofer, the European steelmakers lob-

by group, to see what could be done to revive the program. Under the commission's plans, private companies are expected to make the vast majority of the 30 million tons of capacity cutbacks

that are needed to restore Europe's steel industry to health. Private companies already have cut 5 million tons, Mr. Bangemann said. But private industry, most notably British Steel PLC, has criticized cutbacks in the public sector as too little.

The commission has pledged more than 200 million European Currency Units (\$223.4 million) to help retrain some of the more than 50,000 workers expected to lose their jobs in the restructuring.

Japan Hits European Wall Rover Is Latest Blow to Carmakers' Strategy

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - As the world's highest-priced and least efficient major car market. Europe was supposed to loom as easy and lucrative pickings for the Japa-nese, who are traditionally the lowest-cost and most efficient manufacturers. It has not turned

out that way.
In the aftermath of Monday's announcement that BMW would buy 80 percent of Rover, Honda Motor Co., which owns the other 20 percent of the British company's car operations, is left with the embarrassing task of scrambling to pick up the pieces of its European strategy. Honda is not

Nissan Motor Co., the Japanese car company with the big-gest investment in Europe, had a loss of £200 million (\$300 miltion) in its Spanish operations last year and may yet post a small loss for the year in its far larger plant in Britain. Instead of taking the European market by storm from its state-of-the-art manufacturing base in Sunder-land, Nissan has had to scale back its production schedules.

Nissan turned out 246,000 cars last year, below its target of 270,000. A spokesman said that this year output could fall to as little as 200,000 units.

Suddenly the Japanese are looking vulnerable. Specialists long accustomed to talking in reverential tones of the world's

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune

cancy opened Tuesday on the Fed-

eral Reserve Board, giving President Bill Clinton further scope to

reshape the body that oversees U.S.

The board's vice chairman, Da-

vid W. Mullins Jr., 47, said he was resigning Feb. 14 to become an

investment manager in a new bil-

lion-dollar investment fund run by

former employees of Salomon Brothers Inc. Mr. Mullins, who

monetary policy.

NEW YORK - A second va-

ers are suddenly finding myriad reasons to fault their strategies.

"They all airned at the same segment of the market," said Garel Rhys, an auto industry expert at Cardiff Business School. He also noted that the Europeans who still dominate that segment for upper mid-sized cars, "are doing anything but rolling over and dving."

Into that crowded European market niche, the Japanese are

They have taken the trouble to put plants in Europe and they have stumbled badly.'

Karl E. Ludvigsen, an antomotive consultant.

pouring Honda Accords, Toyota Carinas and Nissan Primeras to compete with such strong indigenous offerings as the Citroen Xantia, Ford Mondeo and Volkswagen Passat.

Just as the Japanese have geared up their assault, the European market has hit its worst sales slump since World War II. While the Japanese companies as a whole outperformed the market by posting a 13 percent slide

2d Vacancy at Federal Reserve

came onto the board in May 1990,

joins Wayne D. Angell, whose term ends next week, in leaving it.

tary policy of Mr. Mullins's depar-

ture almost two years before the

expiration of his term was unclear

but probably not decisive. For the

long term, the board will probably

be dominated by the same kinds of

mainstream economists, but with

more of a tilt toward promoting

One of leading candidates to re-place Mr. Mullins is George Perry

economic growth.

The immediate effect on mone-

most efficient auto manufactur- in sales last year, compared with 15 percent for the overall industry in Europemarket as a whole, that slide comes on a low base, one upon which the Japanese hao expected to rapidly expand,

"It is certainly a buge disappointment for them," said Karl E Ludvigsen, a former Ford Motor Co. executive who runs an auto industry consultancy. They have taken all the trouble to put plants in Europe and they have now stumbled badly.

Analysis say a large part of the problem arises from events in Japan and the United States. In Japan, car sales have been falling for two years: in America, the Japanese market share, after years of rapid growth, is now in decline in the face of strong competition from the American Big Three producers.

"The Japanese are under buge pressure to price their cars here as high as possible to be able to send profits back home," Mr. Ludvigsen said.

That desperation has deprived the Japanese of the tool of new market entrants everywhere — aggressively undercutting the entrenched players on price in order to build up market share. Pointing to the depressed state

of the European auto market and predictions of more to come, a Nissan spokesman, Daniel Ward, conceded: "Our plan to achieve production in Britain of

price stability but not, for example,

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Camdessus Hits Criticism About Russia Policy

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -The chief of the International Monetary Fund said Tuesday his institution was being made a "scapegoat" by Russia, the West and frustrated academics for the failure of the Russian economic reform program to make more progress. in a feisty rebuttal to recent ac-

cusations that the IMF has been manantly in dialogue with the Rusunresponsive to Russian needs, the managing director of the Fund, Mi-chel Camdessus, insisted his organization had bent over backward to maintain a constant dialogue with the various Russian governments. He said Russian leaders have too

often been unwilling to impose the sort of basic economic reforms that would justify further 1MF assistance and often showed up at meetings without even the most hasic data needed to negouate a loan.

Recent critics of IMF policy in-clude Vice President Al Gore and the Harvard University economist Jeffrey D. Sachs, a former adviser to the Russian government, pubthe lMF, saying that it has been far sian authorities. We are possibly too timid, risk-averse and just plain slow in mobilizing aid for Russia to

met regularly enough with Russian officials. The Americans vowed to keep closer track of progress in distributing economic aid to Russia and said the further U.S. response by three imperatives: of the Brookings Institution in Washington. Mr. Perry recently de-scribed himself as concerned about

that Western-backed economic reform is not "all pain and no gain" by getting more concrete benefits

with the "tunnel vision" of the • A a willingness to press ahead with \$4.1 billion in American aid programs aimed at grass-roots pro-Bundesbank. As a young economist be worked in the Kennedy programs aimed at grass-roots pro-White House, and one of his acagrams promoting capitalism and demic specialnes has been the efdemocracy in towns and villages.

• A refusal to weaken the condifects of inflation on the economy. Robert E. Rubin, chief White House economic coordinator, said Tuesday that Mr. Clinton was

nons the IMF has set before any Group of Seven industrial coun-

But Mr. Camdessus defended his organization's tough requirements. This is the latest of the criticism I hear about, and I see that criticism change according to the cir-cumstances," he said with more than a him of exasperation. From time to time I ask myself: Which will be the next one in order to kill the scapegoat? This is just unfactual. Full stop. We have been per-

here, taking every occasion to ex-change information with them. "One of our frustrations is that in many, many occasions our invitation to the dialogue has been just turned down or the basic data which were needed to discuss seriously were just not provided" hy

sian authorities, both in Russia and

the Russians, he said, "How can you discuss the balance of payments of 1994, when you don't have the halance of payments of 1993? he asked. "And when you don't have any clear readiness to take that as an urgent matter on the other side, I don't want to harshly criticize the Ruscommentators of their difficulties. because they just don't have the And on Monday, government of-ficials said that the IMF bad not met regularly enough with Russian with them. But to tell us that we have not worked with them, that is not the reality.

Mr. Camdessus said that the Fund would not back down one to events in Russia would be driven jota on its terms for Russian aid terms that he said have produced • A desire to prove to Russians results in countries all over the

The Fund has already extended \$2.5 billion to Russia hut bas held up the next \$1.5 billion promised until it sees steps to get inflation

not optimistic. He pointed to statements by the new Russian government that it was ready to print more money to support inefficient more large-scale aid promised to state-owned industries and to tolerthe Russian government by the ate an inflation rate of about 20

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McCann Goes Solo in Tokyo

By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune
OKYO — When the U.S. advertising agency McCann-Erickson came to Ja-pan in 1960, it had little choice but to pan in 1900, it had after company. Foreign ally with a Japanese company. Foreign companies were suspect, and a joint venture was key to hiring talented staff, opening a bank account and buying media time for the clientele, which included heavyweights such as Coca-Cola, Needs and Essen

Nestlé and Esso. So last week, when McCann-Erickson an-So last week, when McCann-Frickson announced it was buying out the 49 percent share held by its partner, Hakuhodo, Japan's second-biggest ad agency, the divorce marked a coming of age for America's leading international ad agency. It also was a rare example of a foreign company capitalizing on the recession in Japan to consolidate its roction.

date its position.

Propelled over the past 33 years by its multina-Propelled over the past 33 years by its multina-tional clients, who rank among the few hugely successful foreign companies in Japan, McCann-Erickson Hakuhodo has grown from an original staff of 13 to more than 500. Its 1992 billings of more than \$750 million made it the sixth-biggest ad agency in Japan, and first among McCann-Erickson's overseas operations, according to Adan agency in Japan, and this among vice and Erickson's overseas operations, according to Advertising Age. McCann-Erickson is the largest component of Interpublic Group, the world's sec-

component of Interpublic Group, the world's second-biggest advertising organization.

But, as in many international business partnerships in Japan, McCann-Erickson's interests and those of Hakuhodo began to diverge as the foreign side sought greater independence.

"We need to go after Japanese clients to grow," said Koii Oshita, chairman of the company that

said Koji Oshita, chairman of the company that will be renamed McCann-Erickson Inc. in March. Foreign companies comprise about 60 percent of the company's billings but represent less than 10

percent of all ad spending in Japan, he explained. Expanding its Japanese clientele meant going head-to-head with Hakuhodo. "We started competing more and more in making presentations," mother Japanese executive said. "It was quite disturbing."

Last summer, Robert James, chairman of McCaun-Erickson Worldwide, suggested the Japanese partner reduce its stake from 49 percent to 25 percent. One executive said Mr. James was annoyed by "a lack of contributions from Hakundel Park of the Park o hodo." The Japanese partner "took offense" at the suggestion and decided to get out entirely, the executive said.

Terms of the buyout were not disclosed. Terms of the buyout were not disclosed.

In the early days, the venture pioneered the use of Western advertising techniques in Japan. These gave valuable skills to Hakuhodo, which, with 1992 billings of \$5.1 billion, was the second largest in Japan and tenth worldwide, according to Advertis-

ing Age.
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But McCann-Erickson was less successful in heiping Hakuhodo expand overseas.

"McCann was so huge, it couldn't help many of the smaller Japanese clients," one executive said, referring to the period before Japanese corporations had become global powers. Although Sony Corp., Honda Motor Co. and other companies now spend large sums in overseas ad markets, they are apt to choose an agency through competitive bidding, rather than go with an intested referral.

Key amona the new concepts introduced by the Key among the new concepts introduced by the joint venture was an expanded role for account executives, who stayed with a project from conceptions.

In the West, most companies enter into exclusive contracts. This allows for greater confidentiality and deeper involvement by the agency in over-See ADS, Page 15

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The two bidders for Paramount Communications Inc. each revised their offers for the catertainment and publish ing concern as a deadline for their

lion-plus offer by about \$750 mil-lion while cutting back on the stock in the second stage of its bid. Paramount sbareholders will make the ultimate decision on which offer is better. They have until Feb. 14 to decide.

The companies announced terms of their new offers at the 5 P.M.

amount of stock. Paramount, which had closed at

New Bids From QVC **And Viacom**

best offers arrived Tuesday.
Viacom Inc., whose latest hid had
the backing of the Paramount board, added securities to the second part of its cash-and-stock offer. QVC Network Inc., the cable shopping channel operator, boosted the cash portion of its \$10 bil-

deadline that Paramount set in an effort to bring the takeover brawl to a close after nearly five months.
Under the new bids, Viacom left
unchanged its offer of \$107 a share for 50.1 percent of Paramount stock while QVC raised the cash portion of its offer to \$104 a share from \$92 a share for the same

\$79.75 on the New York Stock Exchange, traded at \$81 a share after hours, dealers said. (AP, Reuers)

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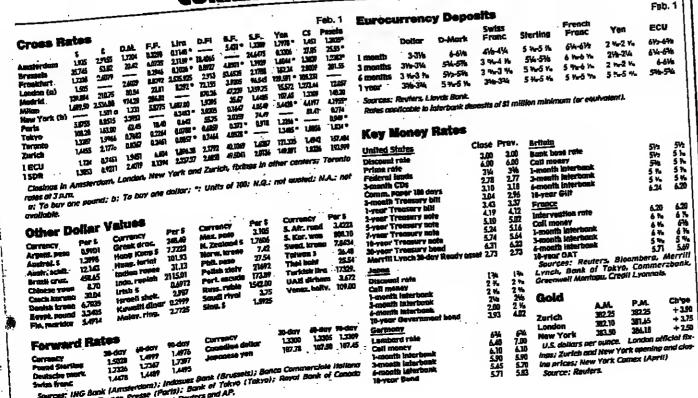
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CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES



Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - A monthly report from U.S. purchasing managers that showed economic expansioo but raised worries about inflation depressed stock and bond prices on Tuesday.

The National Association of Purchasing Management's monthly sur-vey showed manufacturing activity surged to a 57.7 reading in January

N.Y. Stocks

from 57.1 in December. It was the highest since 58.2 in July 1988; read-ings over 50 indicate an expanding manufacturing economy. But the survey fanned inflation lears, with manufacturers' prices rising at the highest rate since November 1990.

Separately, the government said construction spending rose 2.6 percent in December, to a record rate

The bond market reacted most strongly to the inflation data, with the bellwether 30-year Treasury bond fall 1 2/32, to 99 4/32, where its yield was 6.32 percent, up from 6.23 percent on Monday. "There's a

feeling that the complacency about inflation may be unjustified," said Michael Metz, investment strategist

Bonds also were battered by the surprise resignation of the Federal Reserve Board's vice chairman, David Mullins. Hit abrupt departure unnerved tovestors worried that President Bill Clinton would appoint a replacement less commit-ted to fighting inflacion.

Tuesday's spike in interest rates

served as an excuse for equity investors to sell stocks that have run up to value during the recent re-cord-setting rally. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 14.35 points, to 3,964.01, and declining issues led advancers by an 11-to-9 raco on the New York Stock Exchange.

companies from Lehman Brothers.

FED: 2d Vacancy Opens on Board

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"committed to the traditional independence of the Fed's role as the protector of price stability and the currency." The president, Mr. Robin said, is seeking to appoint Fed governors "who will apply this with

Mr. Clinton said the administration wants to manage the economy with real discipline — that is, we don't want to have one of these roller-coaster things."

Among those mentioned for Fed

Foreign Exchange

governorships io addition to Mr. Perry are Alan Blinder, a former Princetoo University professor who is now a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Peter Kenen, a Princetoo specialist to international monetary matters, and Van Doorn Ooms, a former Congressional economist now with the Committee for Economic Development, a business group.

A Republican appointee and former professor at Harvard Business School, Mr. Mullins was responsible for the day-to-day administration of the central bank and generally voted with Mr. Greenspan on the seven-member board.

He is joining Long Term Capital Management LP of Greenwich, Connecticut, which is run by John

Mr. Meriwether left Salomoo in August 1991, later agreeing to pay

with Oppenheimer & Co.

Teléfonos de Mexico topped the most-active list of the New York Stock Exchange, up % at 73%. Interest in the issue has been spurred by an upgraded price target for it and other Latin American telephone

First Chicago Corp. rose 1% to 48%. A published report said it was в takeover candidate (AP, Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

month suspension to settle Securities and Exchange Commission charges that he failed to supervise employees working for him. Within

Salomon Brothers, however, he was widely viewed as having done little or oothing wrong. Neither Mr. Mullins nor Mr. Angell, an inflacoo hawk, will participate in the Federal Open Market Committee meeting Thursday and Friday that will start to shape this year's policy and help decide when interest rates again start to rise; the

year as the economy strengthens. ■ Dollar Off Its Lows

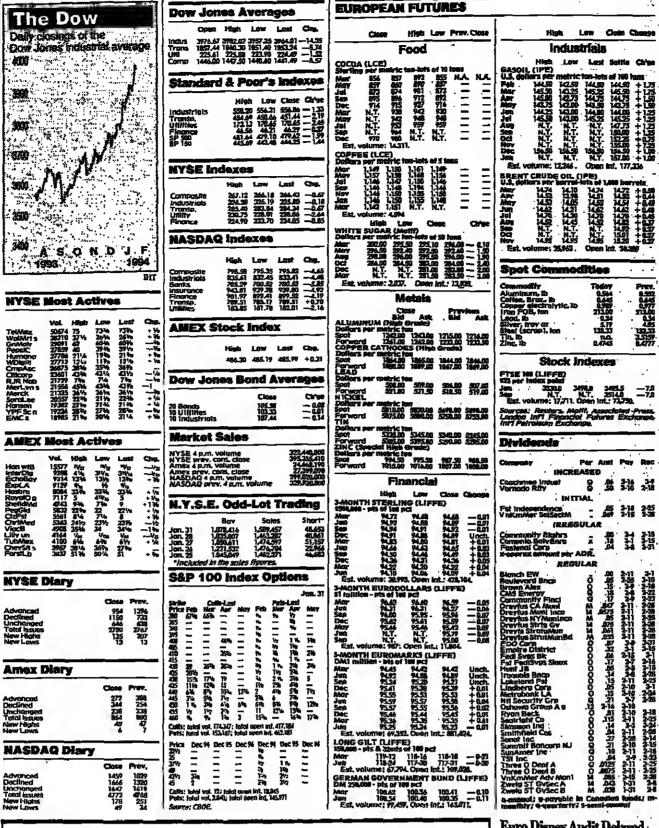
The dollar fell against most major currencies Tuesday but closed above its lows for the day, AFP-Extel News reported from New York.

Fed chairman, Alan Greenspan,

promised Congress on Monday that rates would would go op this

The dollar ended at 1.7310 Deutsche marks after 1.7342 DM at Mooday's close and at 107.65 yen, down from 108.5. The U.S. currency slipped to 5.8775 French francs from 5.8850 and to 1.4485 Swiss francs from 1.4565. The pound fell, however, to \$1.5010 from \$1.5055.

Amy Smith, senior foreign exchange analyst at the IDEA consulting firm, said the dollar was initially unsettled by Mr. Mullins's resignation, with dealers antici-pating that President Clinton will now be able to replace Fed goveroor Angell, and now Mullins, with people who are more dovish on inflation and interest rates."



Ferrari Courts China's Entrepreneurs

BELJING -- Ferrari SpA, Italy's luxury carmaker, opened its first showroom to China on Tuesday, confident that entrepreneurs io this land lust like their fellow capitalisis everywhere for prestige and

Four such buyers already have emerged. One of

them bought a top-of-the-line Testarossa, spending \$700,000 by the time he had paid China's 150

percent car import tariff.

Scores of Chinese gawked outside the new glass and-marble showroom. Rolls-Royce, Mercedes and other estentations brands already are doing well in China. A spokesman said Ferrari will profit handsomely if it sells just 10 to 15 cars a year.

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Panic Claims Victory at ICN

IRVINE, California (Bloomberg) — Milan Panic, the U.S.-based entrepreneur and former Yugoslav prime minister, asserted Tuesday that he had defeated a stockbroker's proxy fight to unseat him as chairman of ICN Pharmacon at the control of the contr

At the annual meeting, Mr. Panic said that of the 12.5 million shares voted—representing 62.5 percent of the 20 million shares outstanding—short 91 about 90 percent voted to retain the current board and against the proposal by Rafi Khan, the broker, that the size of the board be reduced.

ICN waged a 10-month, \$3 million legal and publicity battle to defeat

Mr. Khan's attempt to elect a rival slate of six board nominees. In a letter
to shareholders last month, Mr. Khan said Mr. Panic had "manipulated"
the board "in circle minded manipulated" the board "in single-minded pursuit of his own financial self-interest, and that the chairman's presence was hurting the stock price.

Mr. Khan said Mr. Panie received payments from ICN improperly while on leave from the company and serving as prime minister of war-torn Yugoslavia between July 1992 and March 1993. Mr. Khan said ICN improperty sold millions of newly issued shares of company stock at discounted prices to European investors, without telling shareholders.

lacocca Enters Merchant Banking

DETROIT (AP) — Lee A. Iacocca, the former chairman of Chrysler Corp., announced Tuesday that he had formed a financial firm to back business ventures, notably in the airline industry.

Iacocca Capital Group will be based in Los Angeles, where Mr. Iacocca moved after retiring from Chrysler on Jan. 1, 1993. It will arrange credit financing for ventures and hold equity stakes in them.

Mr. Iacocca, 69, will be chairman of ICG. Michael Klein, a Los Angeles investment adviser, will be president and William Elkus, president of Nathan Todd & Co., an asset management firm, vice president of ICG. Among ICG's initial ventures will be new revenue sources for the airline industry. It is in talks to provide interactive video terminals to passengers to watch movies, shop, play games or do other computer work from their seats.

ICG and Jefferies Group Inc., a securities trading house, formed a separate alliance, Iacocca Capital Partners LP, which do securities business from its Los Angeles headquarters and an office in Southfield,

Musto Seeks Injunction on Metall

TORONTO (Knight-Ridder) — International Musto Explorations
Ltd. has alleged that Metall Mining Corp. and McLean McCarthy, a
Toronto-based securities firm, had unlawfully used confidential data to olicit Musto shares, Metall said Tuesday.

Metall, 51 percent held by Metallgesellschaft AG of Germany, launched a hostile 232 million Canadian dollar (\$174.4 million) takeover bid last week for Musto. Musto has appured the offer, and has instead signed an agreement with MIM Holdings Ltd. of Australia for the joint development of its Alumbrera copper-gold deposit in Argentina.

Metall said that Music was seeking damages as well as an injunction preventing Metall from receiving further confidential information and from further interference with business relations between Music and MIM. According to Metall, McLean McCarthy has said that it has oot disclosed any confidential information on Music to Metall.

Charges Give RJR a \$461 Million Loss

NEW YORK (Bloomberg)—RIR Nabisco Holdings Corp., which has seen domestic tobacco profits crode as a result of a price war in the industry, on Monday posted a loss for the fourth quarter after \$499 million in charges for restructuring and early debt retirement.

The food and tobacco giant said it had a loss of \$461 million in the fourth quarter, compared with net income of \$45 million a year earlier, Revenue rose 14 percent, to \$7.72 billion,

RJR took a charge of \$467 million to cover a restructuring plan under which the company will cut 6,000 jobs. The company also took a charge

of \$32 million related to early debt retirement.

• PensiCo Inc. said fourth-quarter earnings, fueled by domestic business, rose 67 percent, to \$442.5 million, from a year earlier. (Bloomberg)

For the Record

Euro Disney Audit Delayed

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which was to be presented on Wednesday, has been delayed for

weinestay, has been heavyed for two weeks, sources said, and 60 creditor banks will get a progress report on Disney's planning propos-als instead. The audit was requested by the banks before talks with Walt

Disney Co. on a possible refinanc-

ing of its Euro Disney unit.

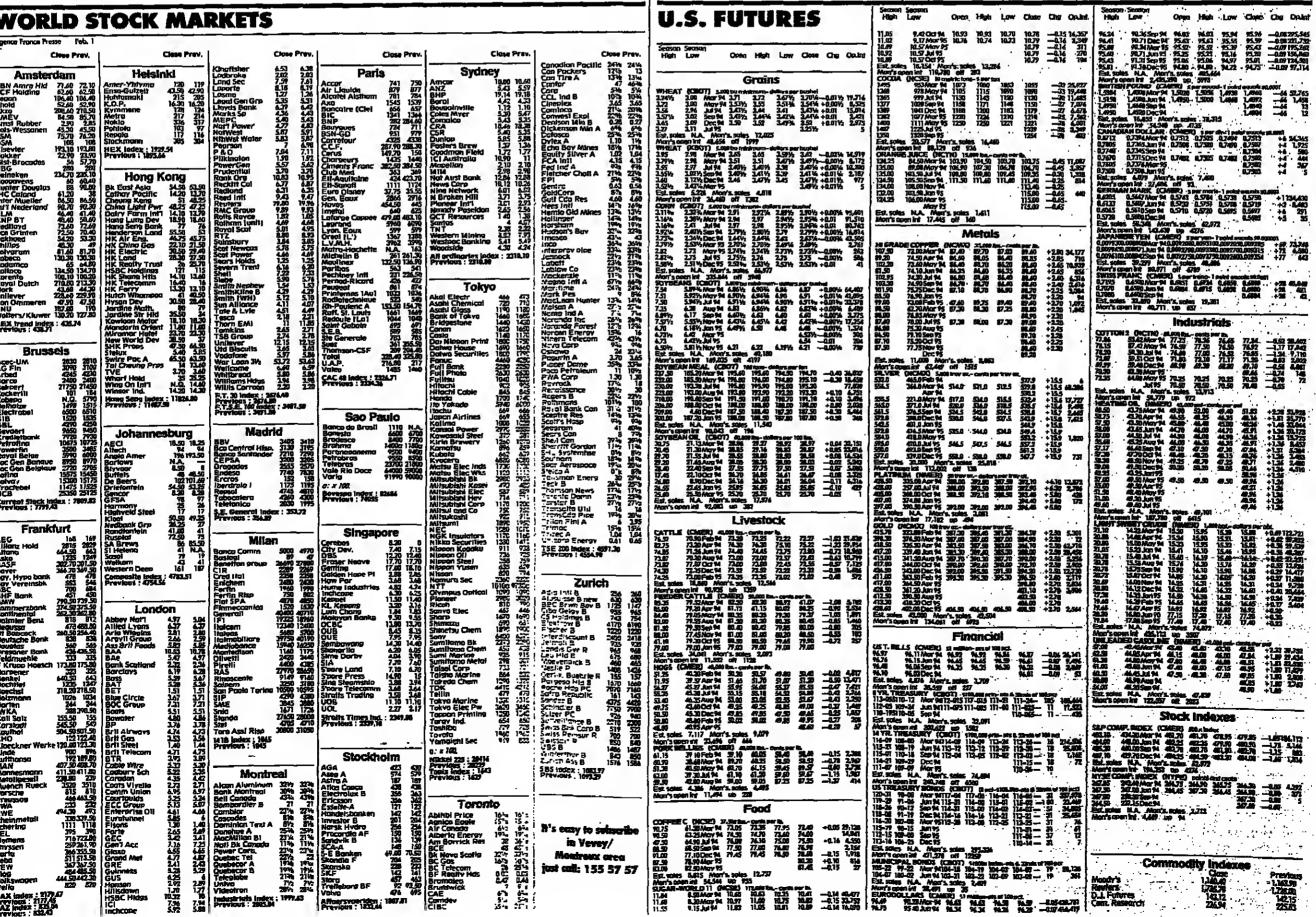
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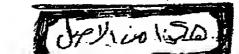
Sextant Avionique and Allied Signal Inc. have dropped their plan to set up a joint venture combining their avionics businesses, the French company said.

Fastman Kodek Co. said fourth-quarter 1993, profit had fallen 33 percent, to \$201 million, from \$299 million a year earlier. Sales were also down, to \$4.54 billion from \$4.65 billion. down, to \$4.54 billion from \$4.65 billion. Johnson & Johnson said its pet profit rose 9.1 percent, to \$335 million.

in the final quarter of 1993, compared with the year-earlier period. (AFP)

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Lufthansa Takes A Step Toward **Privatization**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT - Lufthansa AG's supervisory board has agreed to make independent units of the airline's freight, ground services, technology and data-processing businesses ahead of privatization, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The decision was made in principle on Monday, the spokesman said. It would increase the number of units at Lufthansa to nine. But details still have to be settled by the management board, which answers to the supervisory board,

Texas Instruments **Drops Dresden**

MUNICH — Texas Instruments Inc. announced Monday it has dropped plans to set up a billiondollar plant to make computer chips in Dresden because Siemens AG is building a similar factory there.

The head of Texas Instruments'

German subsidiary, Wolfgang Gloeckle, said the new plant would not be built in Germany. He added that he did not yet know where it would be located.

Industry sources said Texas Instruments canceled the project beceiving government subsidies from which Siemens will now benefit.

(\$1.73 billion) might be needed.

(AFX, Bloomberg

and in any case a disagreement over future responsibility for employee pensions has to be ironed out before legally independent units can be set up, the spokesman said.

"The aim will be to divide the group into smaller units or divisions which will be more marketoriented and easier to control," said a spokesman, Peter Höbel.

Lufthansa's management board will decide whether these or any existing unit will be spun off into separate companies, or whether they will stay as divisions within the parent, he said.

The reorganization is part of Lufthansa's efforts to get its house in order as it prepares for sale to the

That sale is being held up by the political squabble about paying for retirement insurance. Lufthansa personnel count as public employees and are covered by a statebacked iosurance organization known as VBL, for Versicherungsanstalt des Bundes & der Länder. Once the government's stake in Lufthansa drops below 50 percent, staff will theoretically lose their status as public employees.

The problem is whether Lufthansa or the government should put up the money needed to fund the VBL pensions. Analysts calculate that up to 3 billion Deutsche marks (AFX, Bloomberg)

Turkey's Bull Turns Tail **Did Leader Botch Currency Crisis?**

By Thomas Goltz

New York Times Service
ISTANBUL — Turkey's bourse was one of the world's strongest bull markets last year, charging ahead and tripling in value in dollar terms. And for a few days last month it looked like it would continue to roar along.

But two weeks ago, after the 69-stock composite index closed at a record high of 28,833.6, the bull reversed course and has been in a snorting, raging retreat. Since Jan. 14, the index on the Istanbul exchange has lost about a third of its value in dellars close a feet and the stanbul exchange has a feet and a third of its value in dellars close feet and 18,641.0 That is done 13 dollars, closing Friday at 18,561.9. That is down 13

percent since Jan. I. Any market with an advance like Turkey had last year usually becomes a candidate for a collapse. But a greater factor is the government's botched handling of a currency crisis, which sent cash investors to the American dollar. As a result,

some short-term interest rates approached 200 percent and two rating agencies in the United States downgraded Turkish debt.

While brokers and traders said they believed the bottom for the stock index was about 18,000 points the course each briefly below that on -although the gauge sank briefly below that on Friday -no one is sure when the market will end

its descent. But no one yet wants to call it a crash.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller told parliament the
Turkish lira would firm. But to calm the market she had to abandon ber program of keeping interest rates low. She raised rates to defend the currency, which at one point had sunk to a record low of 22,000 lira to the dollar on the speculative

That was almost 30 percent less than the official ira-dollar exchange rate on Jan. 19 of 15,000 lira. By last Wednesday, Mrs. Ciller had finally given up defending the lira and had devalued the currency by 13 percent — its first official devaluation

At the stock exchange here, major state-run banks, including Is Bankasi, began bidding up share prices to raise the slumping index, a process that continued at the end of the week as foreign

capital came bargain hunting. Still. no one is sure that the worst is over. "There is no confidence in the market," said Yavuz Tezeller, a dealer with the Form brokerage house. "Locals are waiting for some sign of an upturn before buying back in. Too many lost everything they made over the past three months to gamble right now."

In the United States, the Turkish Investment Fund, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange, has lost about 23 percent of its value since the beginning of the year. It doubled in 1993. Industrialists have been harshly critical of the government's handling of the crisis. Sakib Sabanci,

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whose Sabanci Holding includes the local Good-year Tire and Kraft Foods businesses, bitterly lashed out at Mrs. Ciller's economic team, accusing it of amateurism.

"You won't get investments out of this program. only more inflation, inflation, inflation." he told a meeting of business leaders. Last year, inflation was about 70 percent.

Even Mrs. Ciller's erstwhile political patron. President Suleyman Demirel, had barsh words for the government's muddled response to the crisis. "It doesn't take a genius to understand what the problem is -a massive excess in liquidity," he told the Hurriyet newspaper.

Observers say it was precisely this massive liquidity that caused the phenomenal jump in Turkish shares earlier this year. They say a dellation of the market has been long overdue.

If the activity on the trading floor last week was any indication, the correction is bound to he deep. Scores of young dealers were working their cellular phones, frenetically trying to rid themselves of unwanted shares while keeping a keen car to the floor for future bargains.

"The party is over," one young dealer said. "It is high time that the euphoria of the last year gives way to a new realism."

Trading Resumes In Banesto

The Associated Press

MADRID - Stock traders on Tuesday got their first crack at Banes to shares since Spanish authorities fired the board of the country's fourth-largest bank five weeks ago. Shares in Banco Español de Crédito closed at 855 pesetas (\$6.07).

That was just 42.9 percent of the 1,995 pesetas share price on Dec. 28, the day trading was suspended and the Bank of Spain took control of Banesio. The stock opened Tuesday at 800 pesetas.

Traders said the stock probably closed higher than expected because investors were speculating that either Banco Santander or Banco Biloao Vizcaya would take a major stake in Banesto.

The National Stock Market Commission announced Banesto's return to the market on Thursday after the Banesto chairman. Alfredo Saenz, provided preliminary details on the bank's 605 billion peseta financial sbortfall and oo plans to refloat the bank.

The stock market commission bad suspended trading in Banesto to coincide with the Bank of Spain's decision to dismiss the bank's directors because of severe financial problems.

Oo Friday, the large Spanish banks agreed to support a plan in which Banesto will help plug the gap between its assets and liabilities with 244 billion pesetas in reserves and 49 billion pesetas in capital mustered through a nominal share price adjustment.

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Very briefly:

• Benetton SpA plans to raise 265 billion lire through the sale of up to 10 million shares at 26,500 lire each to U.S. investors.

United Newspapers PLC said its U.S. unit United Advertising Periodicals has bought Harmon Publishing Co. for \$100 million. Harmon publishes 216 local advertising periodicals in the United States.

• Bie Corp., the U.S. subsidiary of Bie Group, recorded a net profit last year of \$35 million, down from \$39.9 million in 1992. ■ LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA said 1993 sales grew to 23.8

billion francs (\$4.02 billion), up 10 percent from 1992.

France and Saudi Arabia bave reached three arms agreements worth about 9 billion francs, the French Defense Ministry announced.

French Plan Called Too Timid

PARIS — Prime Minister Edouard Balladur came under fire Tuesday from his own center-right coalition for economic measures judged too timid to reverse record

An official of Mr. Balladur's own Gaullist Rally for the Republic party, Jean-Louis Debré, belittled the government package to boost consumer spending and encourage job creation, which was unveiled "Good, but could have been bet-

wish to see on employment." leader, Jacques Chirac, singled out treatment" of unemployment.

the absence of payroll-tax exemptions to encourage employers to create jobs and of measures to help

The package featured incentives to buy new cars, improve homes and encourage the creation of lowpaid service and security jobs.

Mr. Debre's barb echoed criticism by the Union for French Democracy, a junior partner in Mr.
Balladur's coalition, and by the for-mer prime minister Raymond Barre, now a legislator.

ter," Mr. Debré told the newspaper in an interview with the newspa-Le Monde. "This does not correspond to the alternative policy we Barre called for a radical change in

"Let us stop increasing selective exemptions from payroll deduc-tions tied to complicated condi-tions which discourage small and medium-sized businesses from taking them up," Mr. Barre said.

Asked to explain Mr. Balladur's wide popularity despite record 12 percent unemployment, he said: People are looking for a bit of tranquility, they doo't want waves. The prime minister doesn't disturb people's tranquility and avoids making waves."

Trade unions, the Socialist oppo-sition and many media commenta-tors derided the package on Monday as a mail-order catalogue of wish to see on employment."

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CARS: Japanese Automakers Hit a Wall in Europe Continued from Page 9

300,000 cars has been put back a

year or two." For Honda, which makes 50,000 cars a year at its British plant, and Toyota, which makes 100,000 units annually in Britain, the needed economies of scale are even further off. John Lawson, an auto analyst at DRI/McGraw Hill, estimated that manufacturers need to turn ont close to 200,000 cars to begin to hit maximum efficiencies.

A Honda spokesman, Graeme Holt, noted that his company had benefited from its close collabora-tion with Rover, whose 200 and 600 models differ from the Honda Concerto and Accord, respectively, only in their external styling. Those models have combined sales of

roughly 300,000. Mr. Holt ex-pressed pessimism about the future of that relationship, bowever, despite its essential economies of scale. "We do not want to have a collaborative agreement with

BMW," he said. The relatively puny production runs of the Japanese manufacturers in Europe also make it costly for them to introduce new engines or styling to freshen up a model's image —and sales —midway through its normal four- or five-year life Mr. Lawson said the Japanese

also erred by underestimating the political obstacles they faced in Europe. They had assumed free access to European markets for cars

the agreement limiting Japanese auto imports to the European Union until the turn of the century does not cover those European built cars, the reality is that in France and Italy the Japanese have been forced to tread very carefully.

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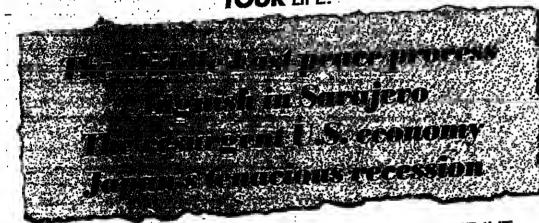
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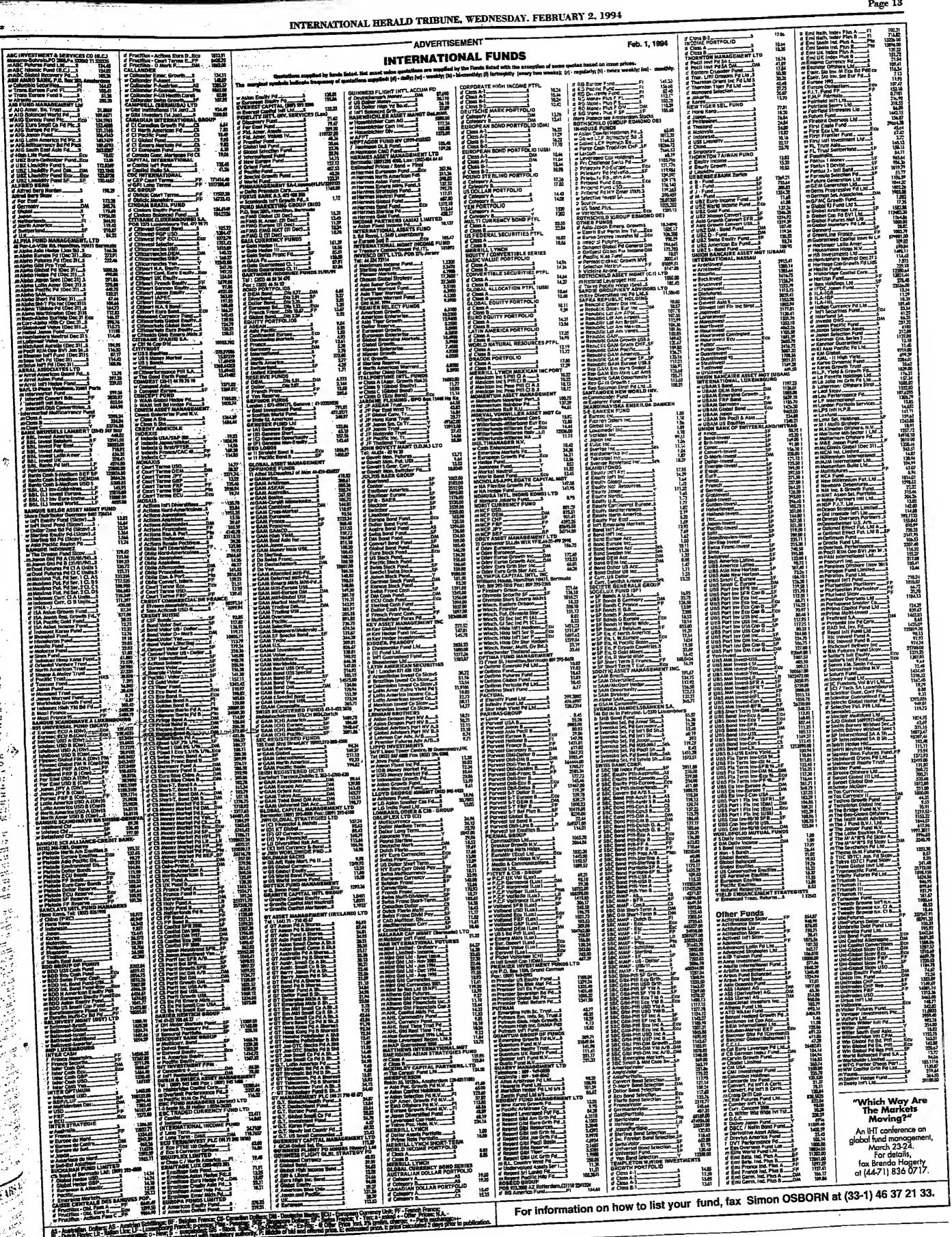
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Tax-Cut Prospects Keep Tokyo Stocks On Bullish Track

Foreign investors, primarily from the United States and Eu-

rope, continued to be ner buyers,

snapping up materials-industry

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gain on the development of a new fiber optic network.

NKK Corp., a major Japanese steel maker, and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., the country's larg-est heavy-machinery maker, gained amid heavy overseas interest.

"The whole scene has changed,"

said Robert Owen, manager of in-ternational sales at Schroder Secu-

rities. "People are aggressively dis-

counting that this quarter is the last

quarter of the recession and aggressively discounting the fact that the political situation has stabilized."

Japanese media have reported a

split in the cabinet over the timing of an income-tax cut and a subse-

quent consumption-tax increase. But Prime Minister Morihiro Hos-okawa has requested a final deci-

sion on tax policy by Wednesday.

Whether Japanese investors will change their stance and buy stocks or will remain net sellers before the

fiscal year ends in March remains to be seen, said Yuichi Matsushita,

a strategist at Nikko Securities Co.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO — Tokyo stocks resimed their rally on heavy volume. Tuesday amid persistent expectations the government would announce an economic stimulus pack-

age that included income-tax cuts. That announcement should come Thursday night, the deputy director general of Japan's Eco-nomic Planning Agency was quoted by the Jiji Tsushin-Sha

news agency as saying. Foreign investors are expecting the package to exceed 14 trillion yen (\$127.39 billion) and include provisions for public works spending and loans to small businesses as well as the tax cuts.

The Nikkei-225 share index. gained 187.22 points, or 0.93 percent, to close at 20,416.34. On Monday, the Nikkei rose 7.84 percent, 10 its highest closing level

The broader Topix index of all stocks on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 13.88 points Tuesday, or 0.85 per-cent, to close at 1.643.10. Volume was 950 million shares, up from the six-month average of 300 million

The communications sector topped the list of industry groups moving the Topix index, rising 2.82

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COMPANY RESULTS

Being a No-Name Can Pay Taiwan PC Supplier Finds Right Niche

TAIPEI - Most people have never heard of Taiwan's First International Computer Inc., and that suits the company chairman, Ming Chien, just

Unlike the rival Acer Inc., which has spent millions trying to cultivate its brand-name identity for its personal computers worldwide, First International Computer has taken a less visible, but lucrative course.

It has thrived as a supplier of so-called mother boards, the base of a computer into which micro-processors and hard-drives are attached. It makes therm for major manufacturers such as NCR Corp. and Unisys Corp.

That business accounts for 45 percent of the company's 11.8 billion Taiwanese dollars (\$445.7 million) in sales. First International hopes to repeat its success by supplying notebook-sized com-puters to manufactures that will in turn put their

brand names on them. The fact that First International has toiled in relative obscurity has never mattered much. "If you buy a General Motors, Ford or Chrysler antomobile, do you know who makes the engine?," asked Mr. Chien. "I want to be the engine provider. I'll make an engine for you, you put in it your

car, and you sell it to your customer." While an obscure player to the public, First International has won a loyal following among investors, increasingly from abroad. Through mid-January, foreign financial institutions had bought nearly 10 percent of the company's shares, the

limit under Taiwan's rules. During the past 12 months, the stock has advanced 35 percent, to about 70 dollars a share. One big reason why has been the company's strong earnings performance.

According to Wardley James Capel (Taiwan) Ltd., First International's net profit will soar by 39 percent, to 420 million Taiwan dollars during 1993. Sales rose 37 percent last year, to 11.8 billion Taiwan dollars, on brisk international demand for

"I strongly recommend them," said Michael Hung, an electronics analyst with Jardine Fleming riung, an electronics analyst with Jardine Fleming Securities. "They look very good for longer-term investors, especially over the next few years." Beyond that, things look more uncertain if First

First International Computer revels in its anonymity.

International continues to rely so much on a com-modity item like mother boards. Without its own proprietary products, First Internatinal is vulnerable to new suppliers offering cheaper components. So the company is trying to win a following as a supplier of notebook computers and make some inroads into the business of testing integrated circuits, the brains of a computer.

Yet it is hard to argue with the company's profit record, analysts said. The risk of launching a brand-name product in the already brutal personal computer industry is high. Given that prospect, being a profitable no-name is not a bad way to go.

"There's no point for Taiwan companies to romote their own brand for products like PCs. You're going to spend a lot of money on setting up distribution channels and have to go head-on in competition with companies like IBM or Compac, said Ben Chen of Baring Securities.

Hong Kong To Speed **Transfers**

HONG KONG - The Hong Kong Monetary Authority intro-duced a plan on Tuesday to speed up the movement of money through

the territory's banking system.

The authority, Hong Kong's quasi-central hank, said that in order for Hong Kong to maintain its competitive position as an international financial center, its system of payment transfer between banks must be faster and more efficient.

An average of 216 billion Hone Kong dollars (\$27.7 billion) moves through the hanking system every day, up 66 percent since March, according to the authority's executive director of monetary management, Norman Chan.

Under the current system, individuals or institutions wanting to pay creditors ask their banks to transfer the money to the creditors' accounts. If the payment request is made on a Monday, for example, the transaction will be completed, or settled, by 10:15 A.M. on Tuesday. In the time between, the receiving bank is exposed to "settlement risk' because it will essentially extend credit to the pay-ee until the payment is completed.

The Monetary Authority is recommending that money trans-ferred between banks be available immediately after it is received. This "instantaneous settlement" will eliminate settlement risk-

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 Taiwan's economics minister said Taipei would allow visits by Chinese executives and technical personnel to attend meetings of international organizations, negotiate trade disputes and undergo training.

• Gnangzhou Investment, a China-backed conglomerate in Hong Kong, plans to raise 1.03 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$132 million) in a private sale of 340 million new shares for 3.025 dollars each.

 South Korea's trade deficit widened to \$1.47 billion in January. The Australian government raised its forecast for growth for the fiscal year ending June 30, to 3.5 percent from 2.75 percent.

MIM Holdings Ltd. of Australia will pay \$130 million to Canada's International Musto Exploration Ltd. to participate in the \$600 million development of the Alumbrera mine in Argentina.

 Japan's Labor Ministry said the average worker's income rose 0.4 percent, adjusted for inflation, to 393,000 yen (\$3,600) last year.

• Showa Denko KK will cut its work force by 900 jobs, or 15 percent, in the next three years; the chemical company said that in calendar 1993, it had a parent-company net loss of 23 billion yen due to compensation. payment over a U.S. lawsuit for its amino acid product, L-Tryptophan. Reuters, Bloomberg, Kriight-Ridder, AFX, AFP

Co-Exist in Hong Kong?

Can Three English Dailies

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - A third English-language newspaper, the East-ern Express, made its debut Tuesday in Hong Kong, entering a crowded media market that is growing anxious for its freedom as Chinese rule approaches.

The new paper is a hroadsheet with photos in color like its older competitors, the South China competitors, the South China Morning Post and the Hong Kong Standard. It is owned by Oriental Press Group Ltd., publisher of the Oriental Daily News, Hong Kong's best-selling Chinese daily.

Thesday's print run was 83,000. The paper aims for a daily circulation of 60,000. The Morning Post has a circulation of 100,000 and the

has a circulation of 100,000 and the Standard has 30,000 to 40,000.

The Eastern Express was launched on an investment of \$2.56

million. Some analysts question the wisdom of launching a non-Chinese daily just three-and-a-half years before the colony reverts to China.

The paper's inaugural editorial said, "Precisely because Hong Kong is experiencing a period of great change and because this stimulates a greater demand for information, the territory needs an independent source of information."

The Eastern Express's arrival coincides with mounting concern that Communist China will seek to impose its will on Hong Kong's media. The chief editor of the new paper,

The chief editor of the new paper, Stephen Vines, said Britain was in growing dispute with China over the colony's political structures, and people will increasingly want an independent, unbiased view as paper. pers become more polarized in one way or another." (AP. Bloomberg)

ADS: McCann Goes Solo in Japan

Continued from Page 9

all strategy. But Japanese companies typically share their advertising among several agencies, although the practice is slowly going out of style.

McCann-Erickson Hakuhodo also stands out by maintaining a group of 26 expairiates, the largest of any foreign joint venture in Tokyo and an expensive lot given the strong yen and the city's exorbitant rents. Although essential to meet-

insiders said their presence was a source of bickering between the parent companies.

But others predicted that Hakubodo's departure would allow McCann to overhaul a Japanese style salary grid that rewards workers more for seniority than merit. That could create new problems.

"I'm apprehensive because most Japanese were attracted to the company only because of the Hakuhodo connection," one insider warned. "Things have changed, but ing multinational clients' desires there's still lots of xenophobia among Japanese."

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Who Can Stop Cowboys? The Other (Dollar) Bills

By Mike Freeman and Frank Litsky New York Times Service

ATLANTA - After the Dallas Cowboys left the field, still the champions of the National Fontball League, they met in the locker room for one last time this season.

They held hands, said a prayer, and then Jimmy Johnson, amazingly, left the room without saying a word to his players. The coach had television interviews in do. Receiver Michael Irvin said that, after Johnson departed, he looked

of next season, the same people would still be by his side. It is a valid question. Free agen-cy, it seems, is about the only thing that can beat Dallas. The dollar hill will make a better go at it than a

at the other players around him and wondered if, at the beginning

Buffalo Bill. team in NFL history to win back-to-back Super Bowls, which means it is only one Super Bowl victory away from doing something no other team has ever done - win three straight. If they could do that,

the Cowhoys are a dynasty. know that we did something that very few teams have done and that's win hack-to-hack Super Bowls," said quarterback Troy Aikman, "And if we're able to keep all our guys in place and go into next season with the players we have now so at least there is some continuity, then I think we've got a chance to the San Francisco 49ers. do some special things in Dallas.

"But it's hard to say with free agency. It's hard to say who is going to take off for the money. You know there are a lot of guys who deserved to be paid, and hopefully we'll be able to keep them all, but it

The Cowboys definitely have all the pieces to make another run next season. The New York Giants, the San Francisco 49ers and the Philadelphia Eagles are learns that can

keep up with them.

I'm quite sure once we get back in the swing of things, once the dust settles, we'll start thinking about three-peat," said running back Em-

Of the 1,680 players players on team rosters at the end of 1993, the National Football League Players Association expects there will be 499 unrestricted free agents this year. All have played in the NFL at least four years and their contracts have all expired.

On Feb. 18, those players can sign with any team, no holds barred. On the same day, 155 restricted free agents - those with three years in the league and whose contracts have expired - can also sign, but their old teams can match those offers.

Many pros will move for money. Some, like tailback Lorenzo White and linebacker Al Smith of the Dallas has become only the sixth Houston Oilers, may move because they are getting less playing time. The unrestricted free agents include cornerback Deion Sanders of

Tim Brown of the Raiders and Anthony Miller of the San Diego Chargers, linebackers Rickey Jackson and Renaldo Turnhull of the New Orleans Saints, tight end Eric Green of the Pittshurgh Steelers and the National Football Conference's three Pro Bowl guards — Nate Newton of the Cowboys, Randall McDaniel of the Minnesota Vikings and Guy McIntyre of

free agents, including cornerback Nate Odomes and offensive linemen Howard Ballard and John Davis. The Philadelphia Eagles' two best remaining defensive players are available, and their agent, Jim Solano, wants big money for each -53.7 million a year for end Clyde Simmons and \$3.3 million for out-

side linebacker Seth Joyner. For the Cowboys, the biggest problem may not be on-field opponents but their own egos. At his

has the overall talent and depth to keep up with them. if individuals began putting themselves ahead of the team, then the

He might heed his own words. since it is Johnson who continues to float hints about his interest in coaching the NFL expansion team in Jacksonville, Florida.

Other than Johnson, the Cowboys' biggest problem will be re-taining key players who will become free agents. Four of their starting five offensive linemen are in that category, as is fullback Darryl Johnston, who throws many key blocks for Smith. Standout linebacker Ken Norton

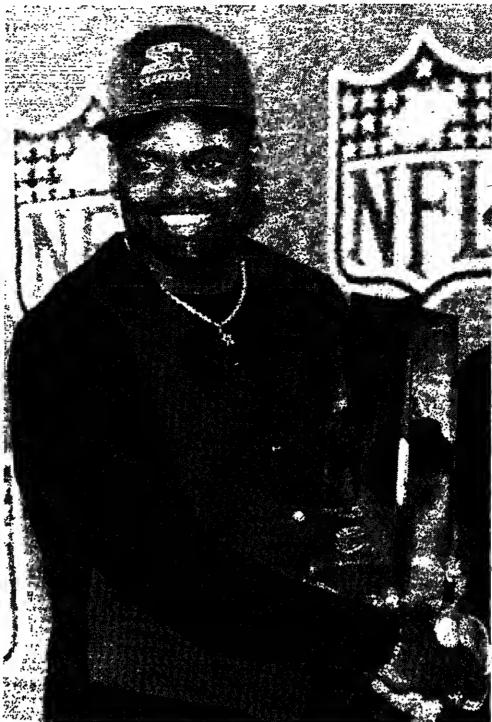
also will be courting offers from other teams, while defensive back James Washington already seems to be soliciting offers. Washington, who scooped up a fumble and returned it for the game-tying touchdown against the Bills, said after the game that he would love to play for the Los Angeles Raiders.

The Cowboys have 19 unrestricted free agents. Backup quarterback Kosar will probably leave, kicker Eddie Murray and fullback Johnston will probably stay and defensive tackle Tony Casillas will probably test the market.

Then there is the offensive line, where the Cowboys could lose Newton, center/guard John Gesek, tackle/guard Kevin Gogan and center Mark Stepnoski, all fulltime or part-time starters. Wide receiver Alvin Harper is a restricted free agent, and the Cowboys will probably match any offer be re-

Smith said it was important to keep the team intact, and said he felt that the Cowboys, and their owner, Jerry Jones, would manage to accomplish that. "But with Jerry Jones," he said,

laughing, "you never know what the heck he is going to do." "It's one year at a time." Smith said, "It's kind of premature to say what kind of team we're going to have next year. I know one thing: we'll have Troy, we'll have Michael and I'll be back."



Emmitt Smith, his latest MVP trophy in hand, is now without peer as an NFL running back.

Go or Stay, Johnson Faces Big Choices By Dave A--

A TLANTA — For the Dallas Cowboys to emerge as the first three-peat Super Bowl champions, they must rebuild their line. Their

In all the fantasy about a Cowboy dynasty, the reality is that the offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, is about to be named the Washington Redskins' coach, that five of Emmitt Smith's blockers (fullback Daryl Johnston and hinston and linemen Nate Newton, Kevin Gogan, Mark Stepnoski and John Gesek) will test the free agent market along with linebacker Ken.
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rection, and that the coach, Jimmy Johnson, is restless.

Ever since whispers surfaced that the expansion Jacksonville Jaguars were hoping to have Johnson for their first season in 1995, the Cowboys' coach has tap-danced through his answers.

"I get intringed with things," Johnson was saying Monday when asked about the Jacksonville situation. "You want to share things with people. I'm fine right now in Pallace Some of the players are like family to me. I'm fine right now in Dallas. Some of my players are like family to me.

It'd be really hard to leave that family."

But at no time has Johnson said that he wouldn't leave.

Maybe it's all contract talk. Maybe in joining Vince Lombardi, Don

Shula and Chuck Noll as the only coaches with back-to-back Super Bowi upions, Johnson wants more mon- Point

ey from the Cowboys' owner, Jerry
Jones, than the \$1 million a year he's getting through the 1998 season. But
maybe Johnson, who coached at the University of Miami before joining
the Cowboys in Jones' takeover in 1989, really wants the challenge of building an expansion team. "I get antsy, I get bored, and I do like a challenge," he said last week, "I

"I get antsy, I get bored, and I do iike a challenge," he said last week. "I went to Arkansas, but the University of Mismi is my school."

Johnson's heart still seems to be there. During last week's rainy raw weather, he kept talking about the palm trees in the Mismi area. And after the Cowboys" 30-13 stampede of the Bills, he said: "I just want to get on my boat in Key Biscayne and do some scuba diving."

It's enough to make you wonder if his hairdo gets wet when he's underwater. It's also enough to make you wonder if Johnson might also be thinking about the Dolphins' job when Shula, now 64, eventually decides to stop coaching. Especially now that the one-man sports conglomerate, J. Wayne Huizenga, has arranged to purchase the Dolphins. Whatever Johnson does, chances are he'll still be coaching the Cowboys next season, but he'll need to hire a new offensive coordinator.

"I don't want to downplay Norv's importance," Johnson said Monday "I don't want to downplay Norv's importance," Johnson said Monday with his casual cockiness, "but we'll be O.K. I said the same thing with

Dave Wannstedt a year ago." THEN THE COWBOYS' defensive coordinator, Wannstedt moved

to the Chicago Bears as head coach. Johnson installed Butch Davis

"But mytime you miss a key person like Nory," tight end Jay Novacek said, "a person that ran the offense, a person that made us do what we did, you're going to miss that."

Whoever the new offensive coordinator is, he will need time for the offensive players to believe in him as strongly as they believed in Turner.

Emmitt Smith, quarterback Troy Aikman and wide receiver Michael Irvin are signed and sealed for next season, but if the Cowboys lose some of those offensive linemen to free agency, the same holes might not be there for Smith, the same pass protection might not be there for Aikman.

In the first year of the National Football League's salary cap at around \$34 million, Johnson mentioned that his assistant coaches will con-centrate more on assessing experi-enced free agents in the next few

> rookie to make an impact," John-son said, "whereas a free agent might step in and make an impact at a position where we might lose a free agent. We have room under the dary cap to sign the players we have and go out and sign some freeagents."
> But whenever Johnson and Jones.

weeks than in scouting college players for the annual April draft.

"It would be very difficult for a

have a lot of room to grow as a football player and as a person," Smith said. "My high school coach once told me that if you're satisfied, you're through and there is nowhere else for you to go." talk about their relationship, there's a chill in the air. Obviously, it was a lesson that stuck. Smith said that no one individual is bigger than

In the Super Bowl hype, an Apex , sports equipment television com-mercial showed Johnson driving along a dusty road and stopping to pick up a few Cowboy players hitch-hiking to the Super Bowl. Down the road, in the next scene, Jones has his thumb up but Johnson drives by.
One of the players asks, "Wasn't that . . ? But Johnson keeps driving . as Jones waves the dust away.

"Jerry had the idea for not picking him up," the coach explained with a tight smile. "I guess he wanted to make the commercial as realistic as possible."

For Super Bowl MVP Smith, 'There Is So Much More to Definitely Come'

By Thomas George

New York Times Service ATLANTA - Emmitt Sorith clenched the Super Bowl XXVIII most valuable player trophy at the news conference in his hnoor. You knew that the sparkling, sterling silver trophy was in sure

It was easy pickings for Smith — the handoff came from Paul Tagliabue, the National Football gracefully as he had the 30 handoffs and four passes from Troy Aikman in the Dallas Cowboys

30-13 championship victory over the Buffalo Bills. Seemingly always selfless about his work. Smith thanked his offensive linemen and his other teammates, particularly safety James Washington, who had a big game of his own. Sure, Smith said, Washington easily could have been the Super Bowl MVP.

"He had the game of a lifetime," said Smith, who also received a new car as part of the MVP prize. "James can drive the car anytime he wants." Smith wanted us to know that this will be a season he will always remember. Certainly, when we think of him now, it is one that we will not

The NFL rushing title. The NFL MVP. The Super Bowl MVP.

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He ought to go straight from Atlanta to Las Vegas and roll the dice. He rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns

and gained 26 more yards on catches on Sunday. He did not fumble in the 34 times he handled the

The Bills' Thurman Thomas was not as productive. Thomas finished with 37 rushing yards and one rushing score on 16 carries plus 52 yards on seven receptions.

He fumbled twice, the first leading to a Dallas field goal in the first half. The second, 55 seconds

into the second hair, was scooped u ton and returned 46 yards for a touchdown and tied the score at 13-13.

Smith won the battle against Thomas and now he stands alone atop all backs in the NFL. Barry Sanders, Barry Foster, Ricky Watters? None of those players can touch him in postseason production and in Super Bowl rings.

It has been quite a ride for Smith, age 24, 5 feet 9 inches (175 centimeters) and 209 pounds (95 kilograms), who is in only his fourth season from the University of Florida.

"Emmitt is such a great football player," said limmy Johnson, the Dallas coach. "I've tried to analyze why he's so good. He's the best northsouth runner I've ever seen. He gives you subtle

moves but he's still always headed toward the goal line. There is no wasted motion.

"When we were evaluating him for the draft, they said he didn't have great speed. He made 50yard runs, 65-yard runs, 75-yard runs and he was playing against some of the best football players in the country. I didn't want to hear anything about speed. The guy is a performer. And he has as much pride as any football player I've ever been

Pride. And toughness and character. That sums

He fought for a big contract through training camp and through the Cowboys first two games — both losses — before finally reaching terms. The Cowboys' owner, Jerry Jones, and Johnson believed their team could win big without Smith. He proved both wrong.

And because of that pride. Smith has put the ugly contract negotiations behind him but has said that he will never forget the turmoil he suffered; turmoil from Jones that Smith felt was unjust.

Even after last year's Super Bowl, Smith predicted that he would have to fight for his value and that the Cowboys did not fully approxiate him. He predicted that Aikman would sign more easily than he would and did not understand the dispari-

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ty in treatment between quarterback and running He was right. But all he did was come back, not

sulk and play through pain, including a leg injury in November and a separated shoulder in the regular-season final against the New York Giants. That victory clinched the NFC East title and mined Dallas home-field advantage throughout

the playoffs. That game may forever be his signa-ture game, even more than this Super Bowl. Smith and Aikman now join a long, impressive list of Super Bowl winners who featured a dominant back coupled with a sturdy quarterback, which is a

required formula to win the championship. Harris and Bradshaw. Craig and Montana. Csonka and Griese. In fact, Smith joins Csonka as the only backs to rush for 100-plus yards in consecutive Super Bowls.

Smith's learnmates view him as a constant source of inspiration. Once the Cowboys had gained a 13-13 tie, they went ahead on Smith's 15yard scoring run. He ran on seven of eight plays in that third-quarter drive and gained 61 of Dallas' 64 total yards. Newton. "We've got great players, but everybody latches onto Emmitt in some way and be has taken

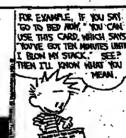
And then, late in the game, with Dallas at the Bills' I-yard line and facing fourth down, he scored to make it 27-13 and sealed the victory.

us all on one heck of a ride."





the focus of the season.



"The only reason we went for that on fourth.

What's next for Smith? He said be wants a

"There is so much more to definitely come and I

the unit on the Dallas Cowboys. That may be true,

but judging from the way that Dallas struggled

without him and soared with him, his performance

as brightly as Smith. He was, truly, an impact

player. In his absence at the start, he was a focus of

this NFL season. Present at the end, he was still

"Emmitt makes this team go on the field and thind the scenes," said offensive guard Nate

On Super Bowl Sunday, no Cowboys star shone

speaks much louder than those words.

down is because we had Emmitt," Johnson said.

"If Emmitt had not been in there, we would have

2,000-yard rushing season. Five or six more Super

kicked the field goal."

Bowl rings would be nice.



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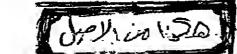






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Ex-Husband Implicates Harding in Pleading Guilty to Attack

PORTLAND, Oregon — The former husband of Tonya Harding pleaded guilty on Tuesday to his role in the attack that knocked Harding's chief rival, Nancy Kerrigan, out of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Jeff Gillooly, 26, struck a plea bargain in which he confessed to a racketeering charge in exchange for his testimony implicating Harding in the Jan. 6 clubbing of Kerrigan. Under the agreement, Gillooly will serve 24 months in a federal prison and pay a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing was set for April 1.

Speaking to reporters later, Gillooky's lawyer, Ronald H. Hoevet, urged Harding to admit her role in the plot.

"Denial is no longer plausible." Hoevet said.
"The truth about this bizarre crime has now

He said Gillocly's message to Harding was that "he hopes she will do what he has done."

Before the attack, Hoevet said, Harding per-sonally obtained the name of the rink where Kerrigan practiced and gave the approval for

"When the assault had not taken place by New Year's Eve, Tonya became upset," Hoevet said, adding that she had complained "that no one seemed to be able 'to do this thing for her." Hoevet said that after Harding arrived in Detroit for the championships, she personally obtained Kerrigan's room number and practice

schedule and forwarded the information to her husband, who supplied it to the attackers.

Hoevet said Gillooly and Harding lied to anthorities in Detroit when they were ques-

tioned following the attack. He said Gillooly and Harding had concected a cover story about the assault.

In court, Hoevet told the judge that Gillooly had participated in a conspiracy "that included Tonya Harding" and the three other men who have already been charsed.

Prosecutors said Kerrigan and her family to disrupt Tonya Harding's life and destroy her were informed of the plea bargain and supported the district attorney's efforts.

Gillooly was accused of asking Harding's bodygnard, Shawn Eckards, to send alleged hitman Shane Stant and alleged getaway driver Detrick Smith to Detroit to club Kerrigan on the knee, knocking her out of the national

Harding went on to win the championships, along with a spot on the Olympic team. Kerrigan was named to the other women's figure Hoevet said investigators had gathered evi-

dence that included telephone records, bank records and videotapes to back up Gillooly's In a statement issued Tuesday before Gilloo-ly entered his plea, Harding again denied the accusations and called them evidence of "a

continued practice of abusive conduct intended

He said there was the possibility of more

Also Tuesday, a special committee of the U.S. Figure Skaling Association was to meet to

extension Tuesday from the court on the grand jury report due Thursday.

The couple divorced last summer, but then

Harding continued to train before hundreds

Last week, Harding denied any advance

knowledge of the attack and said she did not learn until days later that people close to her were possibly involved in it. She has not been

The Mulmomah County deputy district at-

tomey, Norm Frink, sought and received an

of onlookers at the shopping center where she

reconciled and were living together at the time

consider whether to recommend removing Harding from the team.

On Monday, the U.S. Olympic Committee included Kerrigan and Harding on the team that will compete at the Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Michelle Kwan, 13, was named an alternate. The Games begin Feb. 12, but the roster can be changed as late as Feb. 21. The women's

figure skating competition begins Feb. 23. Mike Moran, spokesman for the U.S. com-mittee, said Tuesday that it would be inappropriate to comment on the day's events.

Gillooly told authorities that he and Harding began planning the attack in early December after she finished fourth at a competition in Japan and feared that judges at the U.S. championships would bold it against ber.

"They viewed Kerrigan as the clear favorite, the fair-haired girl," Hoevet told The New York Times on Monday night.

"They thought what happened to Tonya in Japan was politics and that would burt her in

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Gillooly reportedly contended that Harding agreed to pay Eckardt \$2,000 to get the plan

Hoever said that it was unlikely that Harding's guilt or innocence would be established before the Games begin and that he hoped Gillooly's story would force her removal from the team for unsportsmanlike conduct. "It would be unconscionable if she would be

allowed to stay on the Olympic team," he said. In another development, Nike Inc. announced it had given Harding \$25,000 to defend her position on the team.

What we object to is that all Americans are presumed innocent until you are proven guilty unless you are a great athlete," said Nike's chief

The Good Deal

ONDON — It is approaching 20 years since the Brazilian João Havelange won the FIFA presidency through the expedient of wooing Africa's 42 member countries, who, in 1974, accounted for a quarter of the international soccer family.

Havelange traded with the Africans: their votes in exchange for representation, resources, recognition. Two decades on, the result has been a mixed hiessing of progress and problems for African soccer. To put it mildly, some of Havelange's presidential machinations have put favor before grace. He has encouraged dubious as well as progressive tendencies. Profit moves him more than propriety. Yet as the old dinosaur prepares to seek a sixth four-year mandate carrying him towards his 80s, no one can say he and Africa have failed one another.

Ghana and Nigeria are major players on the world junior stage; Cameroon gave Italio 90 soul and adventure; and Issa Hayatou, a

Cameroonian, sits as a FIFA vice president. African soccer as a whole is still very much trying to find its footing. How could it be otherwise where the priority is often survival? But out of poverty, out of Africa's vast open spaces, come natural talents. Skill never was, never will be, the product of coaching. No matter how many badge-bearing, Coca-Cola funded tutors FIFA sends out, it is the sun, the freedom, the time, the fuscination of a ball, that purtures creativity What flows from Roger Milla and his Cameroon pals at a World Cup

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free of the danger of being run down by automobiles or the distraction of video machines or computer games. So thanks; Mr. President, for bringing Africa out to play. The continent-needed only a supply of footballs and an open invitation to remind us of the phrase, free expression.

Twenty years ago, it was easy for Havelange to nudge aside the old scholar Stanley Rous, the FIFA president who—just like an Englishman—tended to treat Africa (and, for that matter, the next fledgling soccer continent, Asia) as colonial outposts. Sir Stanley somewhat alcolly

thought it right and proper that emerging countries advance in their own way, own time. Havelange's quid pro one accelerated the process and, with breathtaking speed, Cameroon caught up England.

At the 1990 World Cup, some wild Cameroonian shooting let England off a host of chances, and undisciplined tackling presented England with two penalty goals. So the English won, 3-2. But this summer Cameroon, not England, will be again playing in the World Cup.

The Indomitable Lions of Africa are long in the tooth, and Cameroon is less likely to bite deep into U.S.A. 94 than the powerful Nigerians. But

is less likely to bite deep into U.S.A. 94 than the powerful Nigerians, But. one old Cameroonian has history in his sights. Albert Roger Mooh Milla, 42 more or less, wants to be the oldest swinger in town, the oldest ever

S OME YOUNGSTERS reakon that is unfair, that while he lazed through his third "retirement" they earned the chance to tilt at glory by toiling away in qualifying rounds. And Cameroon's new coach, Henri by toiling away in qualifying rounds. And Cameroon's new coach, Henri by toiling away in qualifying rounds. Michel, might share the players' notions of democracy, but it was the country's president, Paul Biya, who personally asked the old lion to

Milla began his comeback last weekend for Tonnerre Yaounde. He played the full 90 minutes, he scored the last goal of a 2-2 draw against league leader Canon, and 75,000 people roared approval. Some critics suggested that age betrayed him, that he lost the ball a few times. Age? It's there to be defied, it's just another myth, like the track records that. Westerners believed were man's limit until Kenyans and their like ran

through the barriers, scarcely noting their existence.

Milla has three gifts. One is imagination, another is the eye and aim of a wild cat, the third is the inclination to rest his body for the in-between

years, coming out fresh and imagry for the big ones.

If he really wants it, who is going to stop him trying? Besides, it isn't like George Foreman returning to the ring fat and 40 and putting brain tells at risk. All Milla is putting on the line is his reputation. If only all things African were so clear cut. Soccer there mirrors life pretty much as it does elsewhere—hence Stefen Tataw, Cameroon's right back and captain, was dragged out

of his car and beaten about the head by four thugs a few days before last year's Cameroon cup final. Tough guy Tataw played, and starred but as much as enlightened men try to open up African soccer, The National Soccer Learne of

South Africa is beset by those hiring foreigners under false names. Worse, Ivory Coast and Ghana have been indefinitely suspended from all Confederation of Africa dub compenitions because matches between the two nations' clubs trig-ger storing, looting, rapes and killings. This may be sport used as an excuse by criminals and extremists, but Nigeria, Africa's big hope for U.S.A. 94, last week showed the FIFA, furthering the Havelange

wish to keep easing the way toward a World Cap on African soil, granted Nigeria the 1995 world under-21 championship — the first major international soccer event in Africa. Less than 24 hours later, an armed gang broke into the FA headquarters in Lagos, shot a chanffeur and stole two cars, one owned by a chib president, the other by the chief of the company moting the Nigerian team at the 1994 World Cap.
The readiness of Africa to stage

events is some way behind the development of its players to step into top European professional leagues. Havelange and his Coca-Cola mitiative have thus far helped make Africa's sons fit for export. But the infrastructure is more dependent on the folks back home, on the stability and progress of nations. But do not doubt that the old Brazilian — conserving energy as commingly as Roger Milla, restricting himself to the odd, vindictive show of strength such as barring Pele from the World Cup draw will hang around for the next decade it might take Africa to win, then maybe host, a World Cup. Rob Hughes is on the stoff of The Times.

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Tonya Harding, hitting the boards before a borde of photographers, fell six times during a workout.

Record 10 Bids for 2002 Winter Games

The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland - A record 10 countries bave bid for the right to stage the 2002 Winter Games, the International Olympic Committee said Tuesday. They are Alma Ata, Kazakhstan; Graz, Austria; Jaca, Spain; Ostersund, Sweden; Poprad-Tatry, Slova-kia; Quebec City, Quebec; Salt Lake City, Utah; Sion, Switzerland: Sochi Russia, and Tarvisio, Italy.

Salt Lake City, Jaca, Ostersund and Sochi are bidding for the second straight time. Salt Lake City, narrowly defeated by Nagano, Japan, in the bidding for the 1998 Olympics, is the current favorite for 2002. The IOC, which will select the host city at its session

in Budapest in June 1995, said the record interest in the 2002 Olympics confirmed the appeal of holding the Winter Games and Summer Games in separate years. This month's Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. mark the beginning of a new cycle in which the Winter and Summer Games are staggered every two years. The next Summer Olympics will be in Atlanta in 1996, followed by the Winter Games in Nagano in 1998, and

the Summer Games in Sydney in the year 2000. Ten bids, however, may be viewed with alarm by some officials. The IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, has been seeking to streamline the bidding process to reduce the costs and travel involved.

him by a sponsor.

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service PARIS - No winter Olympian ever flew so far so young as Toni

In Albertville, France, in 1992, the Finnish phenom formed a newfangled V with his ski tips and nervelessly rewrote the record books by winning two gold medals and a

silver in ski jumping at age 16. But next month in Lillehammer, Norway, there will be no more precocious heroics. At 18, Nieminen is a far cry from the fearless, focused athlete who dominated in France. and Sunday in his hometown of Lahti, he failed to make the Finnish Olympic team.

Competing in his national cham-pionships, Nieminen finished 25th out of 46 jumpers on the normal hill and could do no better than 20th in the large hill competition. which — just to add insult to igno-miny — was won by his 16-year-old brother, Sami.

"I think, for me, the winter is " a dispirited Nieminen told the Helsinki newspaper Hufvudstadshiader. It's no use to talk about the Olympics. What I am doing right now has little to do with ski jumping. From this point, nothing would have changed much in only three weeks anyway. Only the grys who can jump should go to the

Olympics."
"At this moment, we simply can't trust Toni," said Kari Yuliantula, coach of Finland's ski jumping team. "He makes one good jump and then the next one is bad. Physically, he is in very good shape. The problem, I think, is mental.

The problem is hardly new. Ski jumpers in Finland are accorded the same status as pro football stars in the United States, and the vast majority of the Scandinavian nation was glued to its television sets in 1992 when Nieminen became one of the youngest male Winter Olympic gold medalists in history by anchoring Finland to victory in the team competition.

Two days later, he won on the large hill to become the youngest male gold medalist in an individual

Returning bome, he was swamped at the airport by adoring young fans. He quickly moved on to dating an older woman, endorsing a myriad of products, and, most controversially, driving a new

HOCKEY

sports car that had been given to the Olympic team, but Niemmen's

For Ski Jumper Nieminen, 18,

No Longer a Victory in His V

Because Nieminen was only 17 and the minimum driving age in Finland is 18, he was given special permission to drive the car to and

from practice.
His jumping has never been the same since, in part because his competitors have grown increasingly comfortable with the V style that he was one of the first to master. Ranked only 67th in the World

Cup standing this season, Nieprestigious four-stop Springertournee and spent the month of January desperately searching for some semblance of his previous form in national competitions.

A good performance Sunday might still have saved him a spot on time for the big competitions.

half-hearted jumping quickly ended the debate.

"Everywhere it's the same kind of story, not only in Finland," Yulianttila said. "It's not very easy to handle when you are 16 years old and have everything. The whole nation was on their knees before him. He got money, cars, the whole

His younger hrother apparently will not suffer the same fate. Deminen did not even compete in the spite Sami Nieminen's surprising victory Sunday on the large hill, he will not be one of the five Finnish jumpers at the Olympics because he has no World Cup or European

But, he said, "I have plenty of

Moser-Pröll, Kronberger Want Ski Speed Reduced

VIENNA — Ever-higher speeds are making the women's World Cup downhill races ton dangerous. according to former Austrian ski champions Amemarie Moser-Proll and Petra Kronberger.

Commenting on Austrian television after the death of their compatriot, Ulrike Maier, both Olympic gold medalists said Monday eve-ning that some downhills were too fast and too icy for women.

"Only a handful of women can

master them, the rest look bad." Moser-Proll said. Kronberger, who has quit World Cup skiing, suggested that speed should be reduced in favor of enhanced safety, arguing that this would have no effect on the attrac-

In a televised panel discussion, experts in the sport were asked to comment on the fact that there had been "more deaths in skiing in the past few years than in Formula

riveness of the sport for spectators.

One motor racing."

Maier, who died after hreaking her neck Saturday during the Garmisch-Partenkirchen downhill in Ba-varia, was the 13th skier since 1959 to die in competition or training. The former Austrian women's team chief, Raimund Berger, said in training.

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safety measures had improved

markedly in recent years but there was no way to avoid "gaps" in piste He said it was perhaps time to consider a step back from ever fast-er races. At points in some down-

hills, women racers are clocking speeds of over 130 kph (80 mph). "I wonder if the super-G and the downhill are not clashing with each other," Berger said. "As the super-G gets faster and faster, the downhill is practically obliged to get

more spectacular. The super-giant slalom was inproduced as a separate World Cup discipline in the 1985/86 season and as an Olympic evenl in the

1988 Calgary Games.

Berger said it was not speed in itself but curves and jumps that made racing attractive. He raised the possibility of combining the suinto a single event.

per-G and downhill for women The suggestion was supported by Kronherger. Speaking of the mounting pressures in the sport she said the Swiss champion Vreni Schneider had been unfairly la-

beled a coward when she decided not to race in the 1992 Albertville Olympic downhill after teammate Sabine Ginther suffered a had fall

SIDELINES

Rugby Cup Alternative Sites Picked

LONDON (AP) — Citing concerns over security, rugby union officials named four possible alternative venues Tuesday for the 1995 World Cup in case the political situation in South Africa deteriorates.

Officials said Japan; Britain, France and Australia-New Zealand were on standby to host the event, scheduled for May and June of next year.

"Obviously there are difficulties in organizing a World Cap in South Africa soon after a period of fundamental change," said Ewart Bell, chairman of Rugby World Cup. "The three crucial months will be April, May and June 1994."

No. 20 Missouri Beats No. 3 Kansas

COLUMBIA, Missouri (AP) - Melvin Booker led a balanced attack with 16 points, all but two in the second half, as No. 20 Missouri took control of the Big Eight Conference with a 79-67 basketball victory over

No. 3 Kansas.

The Tigers (15-2, 6-0) ended a six-game losing streak against the Jayhawks (19-3, 4-2) and took a two-game lead in the conference in the only game involving ranked teams Monday night. Kansas has won the conference regular-season championship the last three seasons.

Chisox Sign Ventura for \$20 Million CHICAGO (AP) - Third baseman Robin Ventura and the Chicago

White Sox avoided an arbitration hearing by agreeing on a new four-year contract worth \$20,725,000, which includes an option year.

Ventura, 26, won his third straight Gold Glove at third base last season. He also batted 262 with 22 home runs and 94 runs batted in. Bo Jackson, who turned down an arbitration offer from the White Sox to become a free agent, has signed with the California Angels for \$1 million, with incentives that can take it to about \$2 million.

For the Record

Konishiki, who became the first foreigner to attain the sumo rank of ozeki, or champion, has been granted Japanese citizenship, the Justice Ministry said. That opens the door for the Hawaiian, 30, to start his own training stable when he retires. Dennis Couner will not take part in the fourth leg of the Whitbread

Round the World Race to Punta del Este, Uruguay, his co-skipper on U.S. yacht Winston, Brad Butterworth, amounced in Accelerate, citing Conner's business communents. Five Indonesian sthetes tested positive for steroids at the national games, officials said. They were female swimmer Catherine Surya, female cyclist Alvi Dwiningrum and male cyclists Ronny Yahya, Dadang Haris

and M. Basri; Surya, 13, could become the world's youngest banned The Los Angeles Memorial Colliseum, damaged by earthquake, may have to be demolished and rebuilt, officials said. (LAT) Terry Yokath, fired as the national team's manager at year's end, said he will see the Welsh soccer association for wrongful dismissal. (AFP) Genaro Hernandez of the United States retained his WBA junior

Stere Robinson of Wales is to defend his WBO featherweight title against Paul Hodkinson of England on March 12 in Cardiff. (AP)

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Mantle Enters Alcohol Clinic

New York Tunes Service

NEW YORK - Mickey Mantle and Pat Summerall are longtime friends, former star athletes in their 60s with different backgrounds and education but one common, destructive vice: alcohol.

Two years ago. after Summerall could not complete his announcing chores at the Masters golf tourna-ment, friends and family persuade him to get help for his alcohol abuse. He reluctantly agreed to enter the Betty Ford Center, the clinic in California for a 33-day stay and bas been sober ever since.

Mantle entered the clinic last week. A statement issued by his business manager said Manule had had a 43-year hattle with alcohol and has suffered from memory loss and blackouts for six years.

"I was the friend who intervened," Summerall said Monday. "We've had a number of long, tearful talks," he said, "There were a lot of similarities between us. If I hadn't been there, and hadn't told bim how familiar I was with the center, he wouldn't have gone."

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Soother of the Beast

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — At this time last year feminists had the nation alerted for an onset of wifebeating. Statistics, they said. showed an alarming rise in this crime at Super Bowl time.

Afterward other people produced statistics that showed the feminists' statistics were nonsense. All this showed once again why, when statistics are being passed around, smart people say, "I'll just have coffee, thanks." I don't know

who was right.

Like so much news nowadays, the story was almost all build-up and practically no follow-up. If somebody studied the police re-ports after the Super Bowl the actu-al count of wife-beatings has been buried so deep by the media that I can't find them. Can this silence be prima facie evidence that the feminists are admitting error?

Maybe it just reflects a new trend in media manipulation: a tendency not to push your hig horror story two years in a row. Note 1992's Columbus Day horror story — the a 15th-century European, hence tic Coast hreed. morally unfit to deserve remembrance by a people as morally superior as ourselves.

In 1992 it was a really big story: by 1993, dead. Last Oct, 12 came and went so peacefully that it seemed Columbus Day might survive another 500 years.

As for the Super Bowl, I'm skeptical about its power to make men beasts. It always drains the beast right out of me and leaves me se-dated rather than roaring. Of course Super Bowl games are famously dull. If there were a Super Bowl every day, no American would ever need a sleeping pill.

Sportswriters keep trying to explain this phenomenon, but there are nonathletic reasons that require

no locker-room savoir faire to grasp. For one thing, here in the East it is always scheduled for 6 P. M. on a Sunday. Six P. M., whatever the day, is the hour at which the human spirit is at its lowest ebb. This is

why healthy people use it to nap. It is also why television stations use 6 P. M. for their local news shows: They know a 6 P. M. audience will be too dull-witted to per-

ceive that a procession of body

bags is a shabby substitute for a real news report.

Among the drinking classes, the human spirit's 6 P. M. despair is so notorious that 6 P. M. is designated "the cocktail hour," or — with cru-el irony — "the happy hour." Whatever they call it, their impulse is to escape that lowest hour of the spirit by using a drug that depresses

the central nervous system.

Awful as 6 P. M. is on the other six days of the week, it's deadly on Sunday. At that hour all of Friday's foolish dreams for the weekend have either materialized or failed. Doesn't matter which. All that looms is Sunday night: all those crooks on "60 Minutes," all that Buttafuoco-and-Amy-type rot on the networks, all those Englishmen

on PBS, and then — Monday!

The ingredients for putting husbands in the swinish vein would seem almost impossible to assemhie at 6 P. M. on a Sunday. And before somebody says, "Sure, hui it's only 3 P. M. in California," let's remember that at game's end it is 6 P. M. even in California, What's more, if it has been the customary bore, California husbands will be shocking news that Columbus was even more sedated than the Atlan-

It was said last year that the brutal violence of televised Inotball brings on the latent brutish instinct of the wife-beater. That, if his team loses, his roused juices move him to make his wife pay for his disappointment. That, even if it wins, his pleasurable experience of violence has been so vicarious that he feels a need to taste the real

f speak now as an expert televised-foothall viewer. It's true that a tense game, such as the Super Bowl usually isn't, involves the couch potato in a lot of violence.

Watching the tube, I often catch myself flinching, twisting, grunting groaning suppressing a cry of agony as tons of bestial linemen pile onto my magnificent passing

After such a game, admittedly not often played in the Super Bowl, I'm too exhausted to scold an infant, much less lift my hand to a woman. For another thing, an afternoon like that leaves you ashamed enough already.

New York Times Service

Mike Leigh: Improvising Inspiration

By Desson Howe

Washington Part Service
N EW YORK — Most movies — particularly American ones — come at you with their turning points and climaxes precharted, and heroes and villains clearly delineated. But the British director Mike Leigh, whose films spring out of a unique method of improvisational collaboration

with his actors, eschews such predictability.

In his internationally known works, such as "Naked," "Life is Sweet" and "High Hopes," events seem to unfold of their own accord. The effect is a fusion of post-kitchen sink" realism and good old well-timed comedy. The possibilities seem as unpre-dictable and serendipitous as life.

Leigh is small in stature, and only the gray flecks in his beard betray his 50 years.

Leigh, who stands at the forefront of a critically acclaimed group of British-based directors that includes Derek Jarman, Terence Davies and Peter Medak, says, "My ongoing preoccupation is with families, re-lationships, parents, children, sex, work, surviving, being born and dying. I'm totally intuitive, emotional, subjective, empirical, instinctive. I'm not an intellectual filmmaker. Primarily my films are a response to the way people are, the way things are as I experience them. In a way, they are acts of

taking the temperature."

If so, "Naked" is the most likely to crack the glass. In an era when sexual roles have become so acutely examined, this modern allegory full of disturbingly rapacious en-counters drew fire at Cannes, where Leigh nevertheless took the director's prize -and

David Thewlis the actor's award. In "Naked," hyper-intelligent drifter Johnny (Thewlis) has a genius-level knowledge of Western philosophy and theology, but he's an illiterate in his dealings with women, As soon as he seduces them, he turns verbally savage and physically abu-sive. Far worse than Johnny is Jeremy (Greg Cruttwell), a loathsome landlord who bullies women into sex, treating them throughout with misogynistic disdain.

How much the women participate in their victimization has been the main bone of contention. Leigh is angry at those who have concluded that, hy portraying a misog-ynist, the film actually is misogynistic. He points approvingly to two critics, Georgia Brown and Amy Taubin of the Village Voice, who have reviewed the movie with unequivocal enthusiasm.

Leigh considers their reaction "the serious, mature feminist position, that I'm delighted with, that has no problems with the film at all. There's another kind of reaction, which is annoyed by the film because it shows women being weak — 'Why aren't the women shown more positively?' — all that stuff. To be honest, I feel that's kind of naive. The film plainty is neither porno-



Leigh's films are as unpredictable and screndinitous as life.

graphic, nor is it a celebration of male

"I would also question how much rape there actually is in the film. I would argue that, whilst in no way, obviously, does one condone any kind of rape, every situation that's shown is of people who are there by choice for whatever sad reasons." Leigh remembers a "happy and sad" childhood in Salford, near Manchester, in

the late 1940s, "where you would have eight or nine flick houses within walking distance." His first movie was "Pinocchio," but as a child be was raised on a diet of Michael Powell, John Ford, Billy Wilder and Preston Sturges. However, at some point in his moviegoing youth. Leigh re-members thinking: "It would be great if we could have people in films like people really

His parents were middle-class Jews -his father was a doctor — in a working-class neighborhood, so Leigh, who went to very working-class schools," moved between two social classes. In 1960, as a "17-year-old little fat boy," he passed up college, to his parents' horror, for a scholarship at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. Although he learned a lot, he says, "we never actually investigated anything real from life. It was all about churning out received

ideas of performance."

He studied thester design, went to art school and artended the London Film School. He had a brief, unsatisfying period with the Royal Shakespeare Company, a minor career as a bit actor, and tried writing in the mid-1960s. But, he says, "I really didn't get a buzz out of the solitary nature of writing I was fascinated by directing I wanted to make films, that was clear."

In 1965, when Leigh became an associate director at the Midlands Art Centre in Birmingham, he began working improvisationally with teenage actors. After further refinement in drama workshops and experi-

mental theater, Leigh honed a directorial style in which he gave performers free rein, within his guidelines. When he embarked on his filannaking career in the early 1970s, he brought the method with him.

In his films, Leigh casts his actors with only a general sense of the characters they will play - or the story they'll be in. In extensive one on one conversations with his performers, those characters are further defined. Leigh then makes the actors (who very often have not met each other yet) interact in small improvisational encounters. During this period of fine-tuning, read-justment and open-ended experimentation — which lasts for up to four months scenes are completely worked out. Then the script is "written" and the crew invited to embark on the latest Mike Leigh film. His first film, the 1971 "Bleak Moments" (financed by Albert Finney), about a wom-

an who has to look after a mentally im-paired sister, won the Golden Hugo at the Chicago Film Festival. In 1972, he made "Hard Labour," a downbeat working class drama featuring a young Ben Kingsley as an Indian cah driver, for the BBC when "the British film industry was alive and well and hiding out in television."

The next 10 years was Leigh's formative period, what he calls a "brilliant, fantastic". time in which he made his dramas with no questions asked and a firm TV airing date. Hard Labour" also marked his first meeting with actress Alison Steadman, whom he married soon after. A brilliant comedic performer, she has appeared in eight of his

Working for the BBC for 10 years, then depending on the support of independent television station Channel 4, Leigh's output in the 1970s and '80s was produgious. There have been more than 40 works for stage and

"It's very stimulating to work with him," says Thewis — but it isn't easy. "You work until the early hours of the morning without any predictability. You're never able to make arrangements in your social life. Sometimes you will be required to wait by the phone - and if an improvisation by other actors requires your character to be-brought back, the assistant director will call up. He tells you to warm up, and go to such and such a place. It's a bit like being a

Thewlis became, in his own words, "real obsessive, hyperactive and frustrated" in.

the role of Johnny.

Asked about Thewlis's dedication, Leigh says he discourages complete role immer-sion as "unhealthy." But he acknowledges that his creative process "takes you over.".
"I think I suffer from that too," he said. "For six months you don't go out, you don't eat, go to the movies, socialize — 14 hours round the clock, day in, day out."

PEOPLE

Ouestioning Gets Rough In the Marla Shoe Case The lawyer defending a man ac-

cused of stealing shoes from Maria
Trump attacked her character in court, asking whether she had been a "kept woman." Crack Jones's lawyer, Anthony Morosco, also used his immendo-laced cross-examination to suggest that Trump concocted the shoe theft to force Jones to return photos of her in the buff. Jones, who was her publicist, is accused of stealing dozens of is accused of stealing dozens of pairs of shoes, underwear, photographs and other items from her apartment. When reporting the thefts to the police, Trump said some. "family photographs" were missing. "Would you include under the subject of 'family photographs, unde photographs of you taken by your married lover?" Morosco asked. "Sir, he wasn't married at that time," Trump replied. Donald Trump, who was divorced from his previous wife. Ivama, in 1992, was married to the former Marla Maprevious wife, Ivana, in 1992, was married to the former Maria Maples in December.

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Meg Ryan and Tom Cruse will receive this year's Hasty Pudding awards. The Harvard theater group honors those who make "a lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment."

Princess Gloria-von Thurn and Taxis of Germany broke her right arm on a ski vacation in Colorado.

Sophia Loren will be honored for her life's work with an honorary Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival, which begins next week.

And the No. 1 reason David Letterman likes working for Laurence Tisch, chairman of CBS: Tisch Tach, chairman of CBS: Tisch "promised to fix me up with Angela Lansbury." At a dinner honoring Tisch for his philanthropy, Letterman, who signed a \$14 million contract with CBS last summer, pulled out one of his trademark Top 10 lists. Among the items on it: "You get to meet Mr. Excitement himself, Vice President Al Gore," and Tisch "decided to pay my salary instead of "decided to pay my salary instead of bidding for NFL football."

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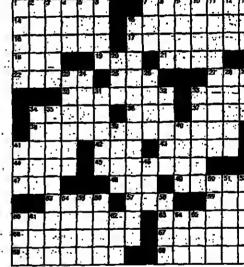
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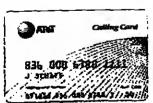
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